

PANDORA THE STILL GHOST JRN



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PANDORA IN THE CRIMSON SHELL

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GHOST URN-EPISODE.log — The story so far!

In the not-so-distant future, humanity has entered a politically and economically tumultuous era. Wars and giant natural disasters occur frequently all over the world, while advanced information networks begin to cover the globe.

While en route to Cenande, an artificial resort island, young Nanakorobi Nene meets Uzal and her companion Clarion. A fast friendship forms, but just as Nene is about to begin her new life on Cenande, she's caught up in a terrorist incident that threatens her new friends! And to make things worse, a massive boring machine called Buer is out of control underground...!

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■ Nanakorobi Nene

A girl whose brain was implanted into an entirely artificial body after an accident when she was young. Nene has one of the few full-body prosthetics in the world!



■ Clarion

A combat android owned by Uzal. Clarion has many top-secret, illegal programs tucked away inside her.



■ Uzal Delilah

The mysterious Uzal, also known as Sahar Schehera, is a well-known international businesswoman, but she has plenty of secrets. She's responsible for the current uproar on the island.



■ Uzal's Subordinates

They betrayed Uzal and began a terrorist attack on the island, but soon abandoned the idea of rebellion and went back to her.



■ Massive Boring Machine: Buer

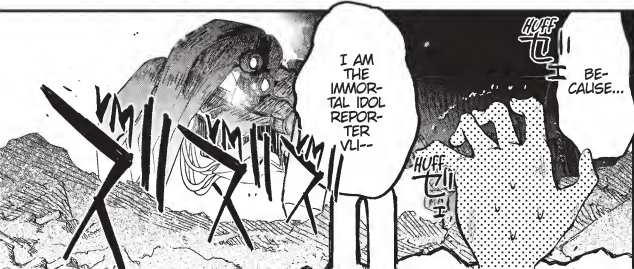
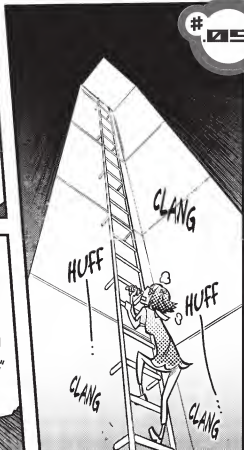
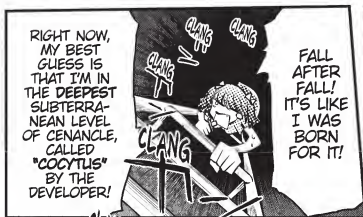
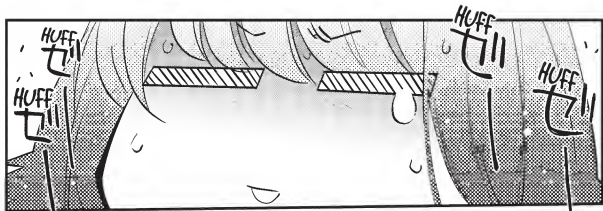
A large multi-legged boring machine developed by Uzal for excavating resources from deep underground.



■ Vlind ○○ ○○○○○○○○

A perky, enthusiastic new Titan TV reporter who happened to be on the scene when the terrorist incident occurred.







--NE-KUN!

COME
IN!
NENE-
KUN!

RR

RR

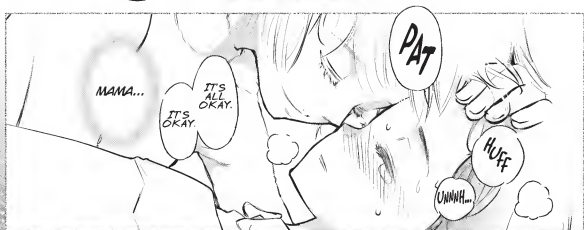
RR

RR

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SPELL...

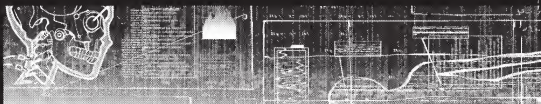
THE
"EVERY-
THING'S
OKAY"...



I...

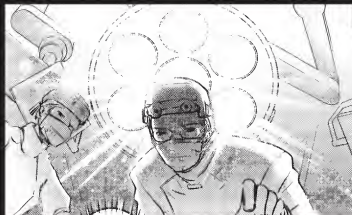
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER
FAMILY IS SO HORRIBLE.

SHE'S ALREADY HAD
BRAIN SURGERY. PYXIS
SYNDROME IS APPALLING.
HOW CAN THIS BE THE
ONLY WAY TO SAVE SUCH
A YOUNG CHILD?



THIS SURGERY IS
STILL EXPERIMENTAL.

IT BARELY EVEN QUALIFIES AS
MEDICAL TREATMENT ANYMORE.



AUDIO AND VISUAL
INTERFACES ARE
OPERATIONAL.

CIRCULATION OF
GANGLIA NANITES
INITIATED.

NEURAL RESPONSES
AND REFLEXES NORMAL.

CONSCIOUSNESS
HAS BEEN VERIFIED.

I'M
OKAY,
SO...

AND HER PARENTS--
THE ACCIDENT...?

WE'LL TELL HER AFTER
SHE'S STABILIZED.



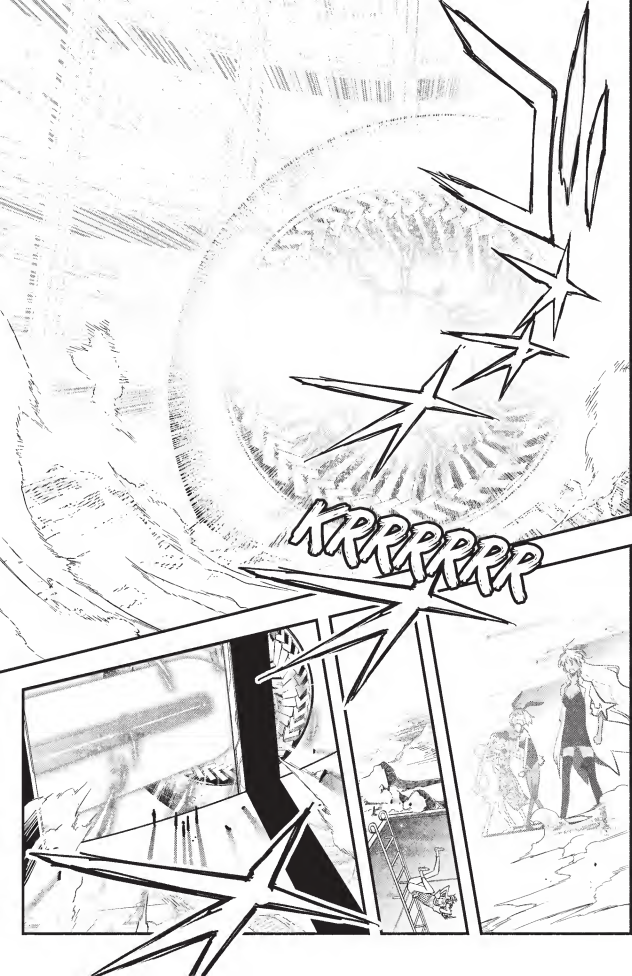
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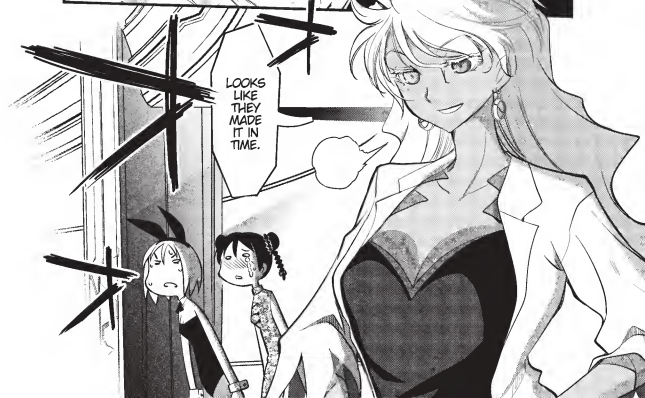


CLARION
HAS TO
BE...

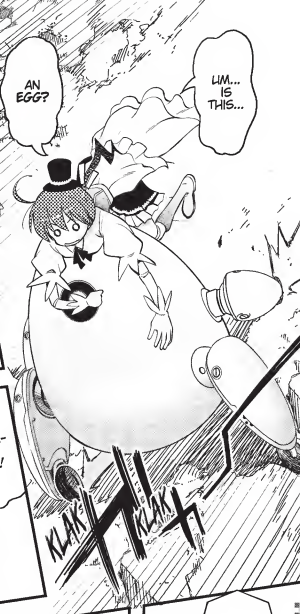


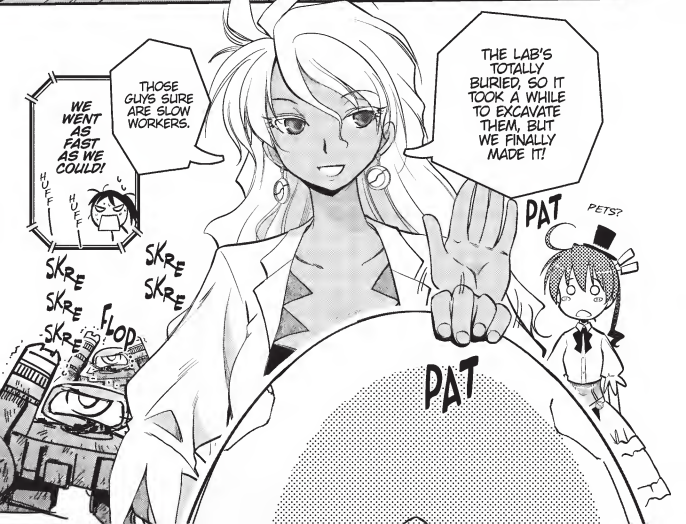
...OKAY
TOO.

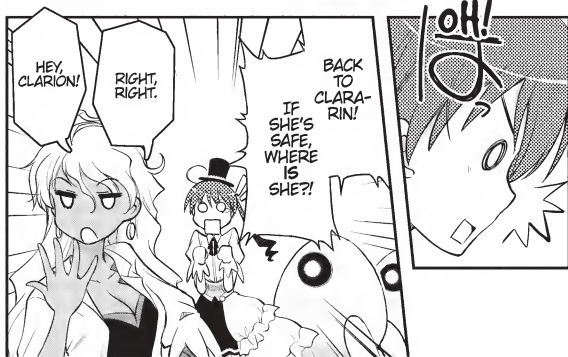


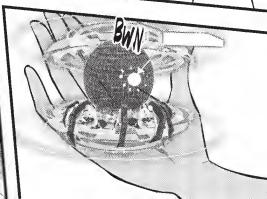
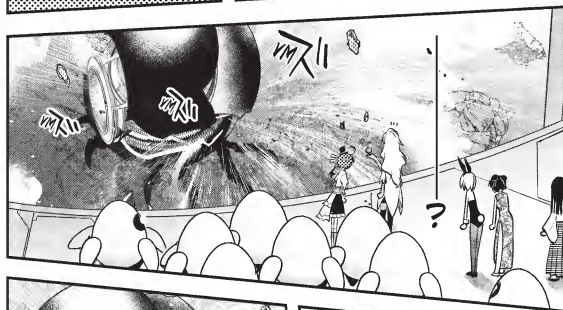
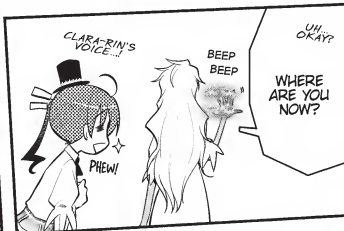


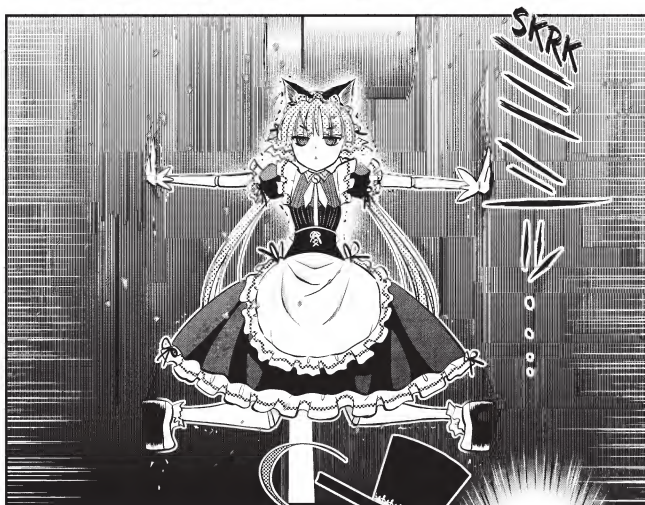
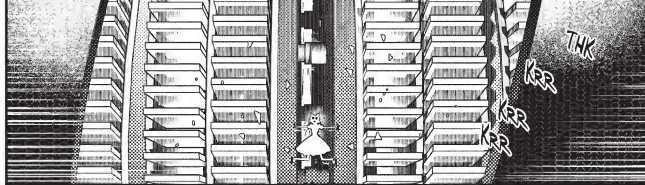














HMP?
WHERE'D
NENE-KUN GET
TO?

HUH?

IT'S
INCREDIBLE
THAT SHE
SENT ALL HER
FIGHTING
POWER TO
NENE-KUN,
STUCK
LIKE THAT!

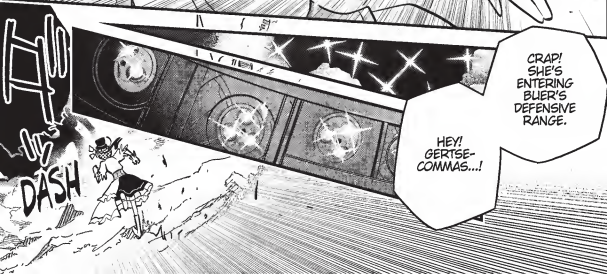
HOW
THE HELL
DID SHE
GET IN
THERE?

SHE, UH...
PROBABLY
CAN'T HOLD
OUT FOR
LONG,
YEAH?



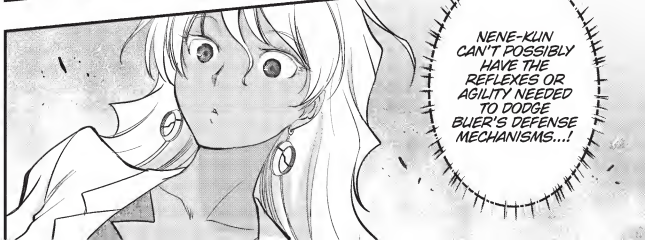
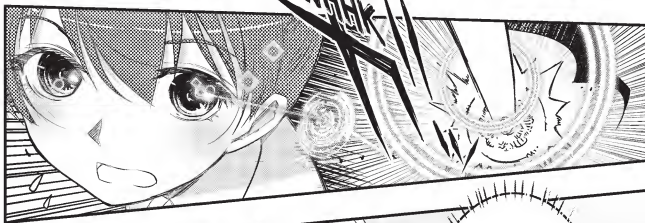
SO,
STOP
HER,
IDIOT!

SHE
TOOK
OFF, SO?

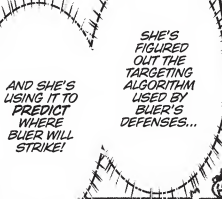


CRAP!
SHE'S
ENTERING
BLER'S
DEFENSIVE
RANGE.

HEY!
GERTSE-
COMMAS...!

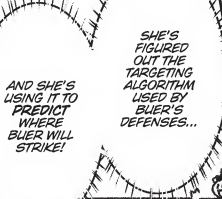


NENE-KLIN
CAN'T POSSIBLY
HAVE THE
REFLEXES OR
AGILITY NEEDED
TO DODGE
BUER'S DEFENSE
MECHANISMS....!



AND SHE'S
USING IT TO
PREDICT
WHERE
BUER WILL
STRIKE!

SHE'S
FIGURED
OUT THE
TARGETING
ALGORITHM
USED BY
BUER'S
DEFENSES...



AND SHE'S
USING IT TO
PREDICT
WHERE
BUER WILL
STRIKE!

SHE'S
FIGURED
OUT THE
TARGETING
ALGORITHM
USED BY
BUER'S
DEFENSES...

SHE'S READING THE ATTACK PATTERNS.

OHHH, I SEE. SHE'S NOT DODGING.

SHE'S READING THE ATTACK PATTERNS.

OHHH, I SEE. SHE'S NOT DODGING.

NENE-KLIN'S
FOCUS AND
ADAPTABILITY
HAVE BEEN A
CONSTANT
SURPRISE
SINCE WE MET,
BUT I'M
STARTING TO
THINK THERE
HAS TO BE
SOMETHING
ELSE...

BUT... THAT'S NOT EXACTLY AN EASY WAY TO USE THE PANDORA DEVICE.

[illegible]

WHK

WHK

WHK

WHK

WHK

WHK

NNNH!

I CAN'T
GET ANY
CLOSER!

THAT'S
ALLOWING
HER TO
USE HER
PROSTHETIC
SO SKILL-
FULLY.



CLARA-
RIN?!

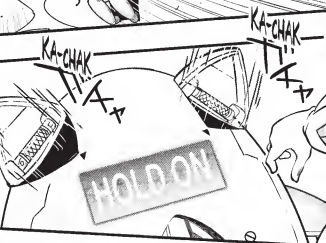
TAK

TAK

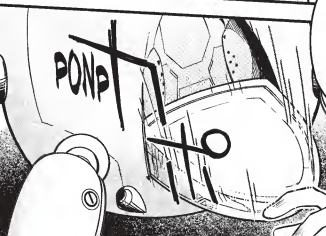
NENE,
GET ON.

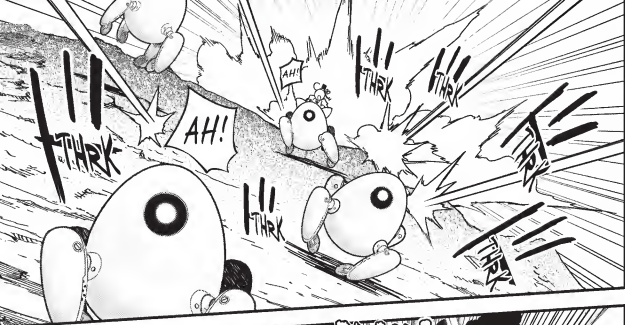
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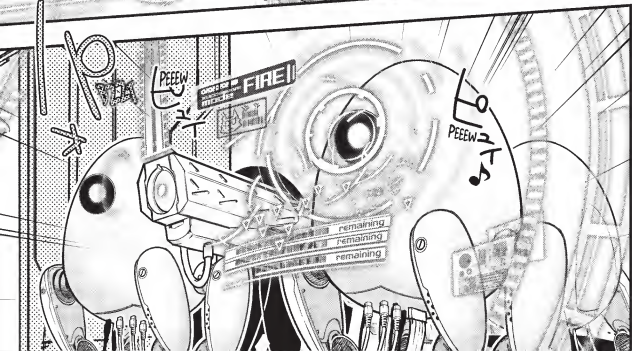
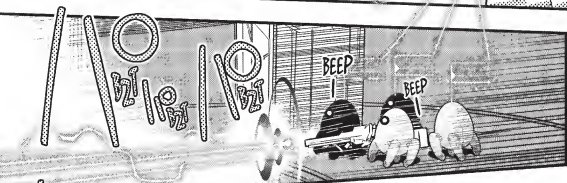
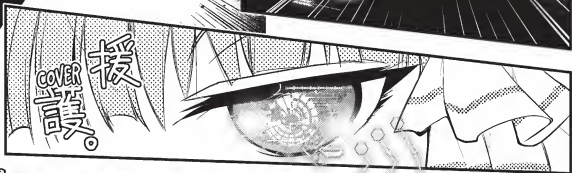
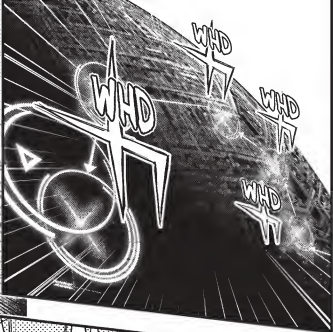


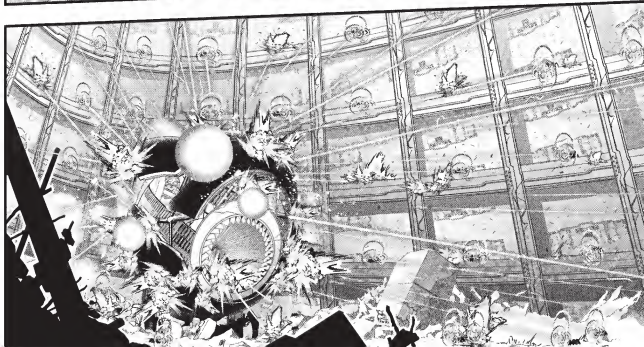
GET
ON
THIS...?













I GUESS SHE CAN SEE HOW GIFTED NENE-KUN IS.

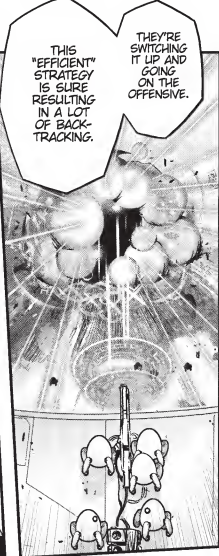
AND CLARION, RELYING ON SOMEONE ELSE? USUALLY THAT'S BENEATH HER.

SO THERE'S NOTHING FOR US TO DO...

DO YOU THINK IT'S WORK?!

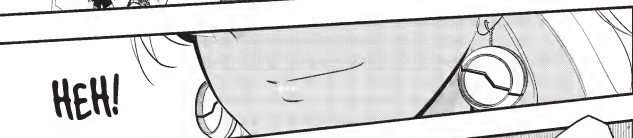
DO YOU?!

WOW...

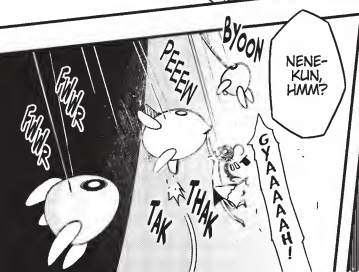


THIS "EFFICIENT" STRATEGY IS SURE RESULTING IN A LOT OF BACK-TRACKING.

THEY'RE SWITCHING IT UP AND GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE.



HEH!

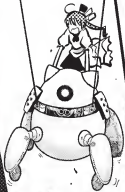


NENE-KUN, HMM?

GYAAAAAH!



CLARION AND...

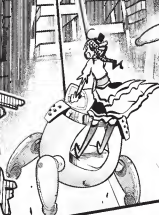


ARE
YOU
OKAY
?!

HOLD ON!
I'LL BE
RIGHT
THERE TO
SAVE YOU!



THERE'S
NO
POINT.



CLARA-
RIIIIN!!

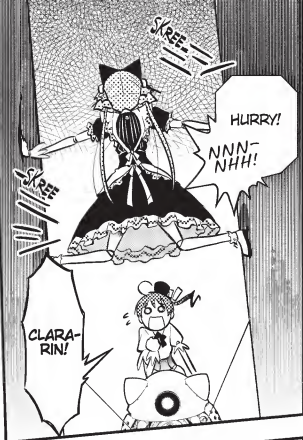


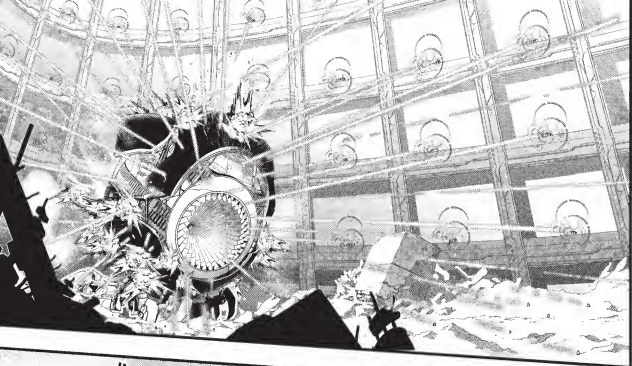
I AM
CURRENTLY
INCAPABLE
OF
MOVING.



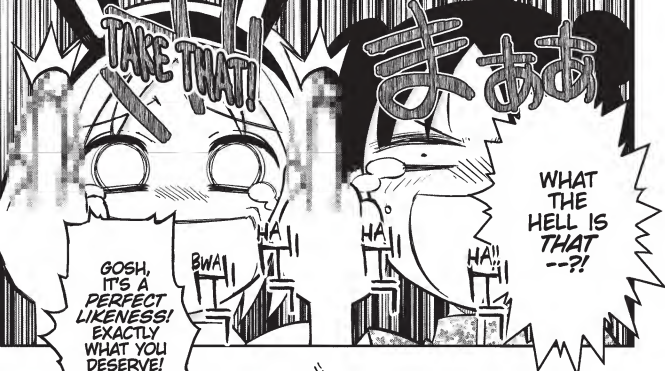
SO GO
STOP
BLER,
NENE.

BUT
--!









TAKE THAT!

まああ

GOSH,
IT'S A
PERFECT
LIKENESS!
EXACTLY
WHAT YOU
DESERVE!
I LOVE IT
SOOOOOO
MUCH!

BWAH

HA

HA

HA

WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THAT
--?!



GRIND

GRIND

IT
WON'T
WORK.

WHAT'S
THAT,
NENE-
KUN?



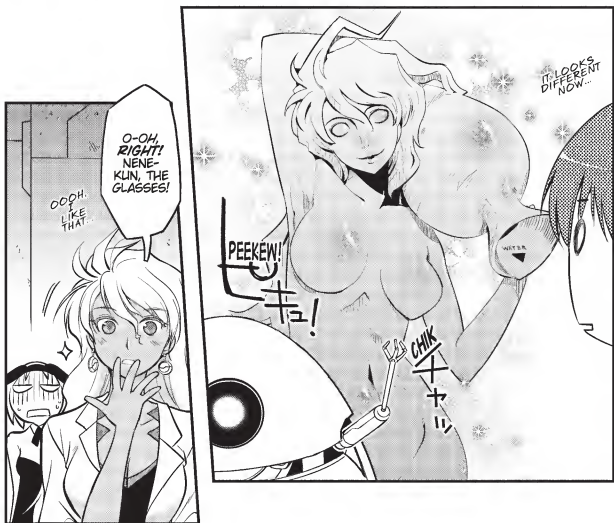
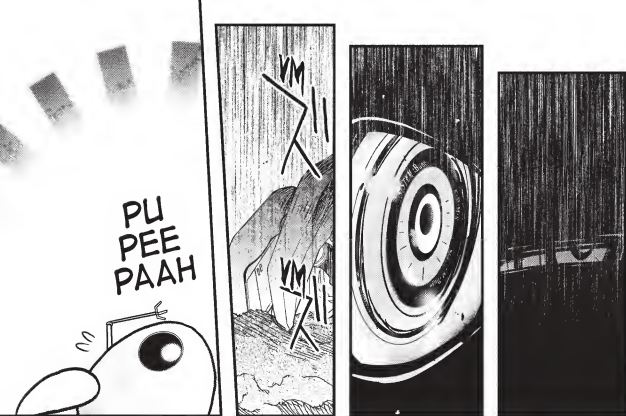
MWA
HA

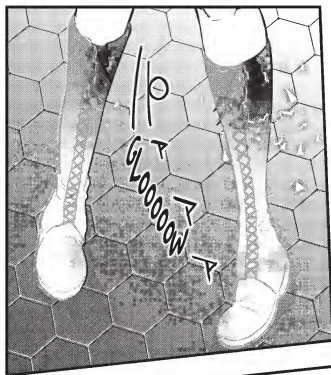
HA

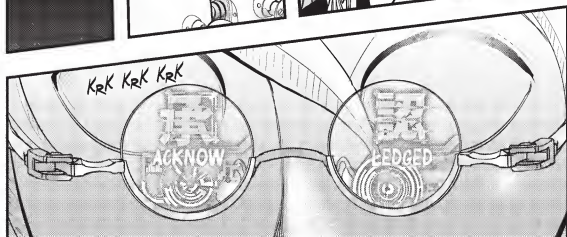
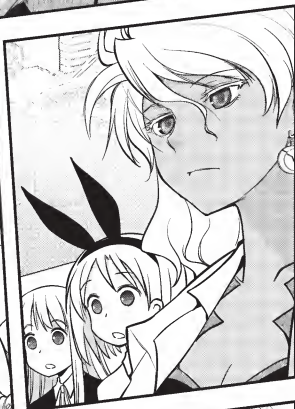
GET
THE
GLASSES
ON.

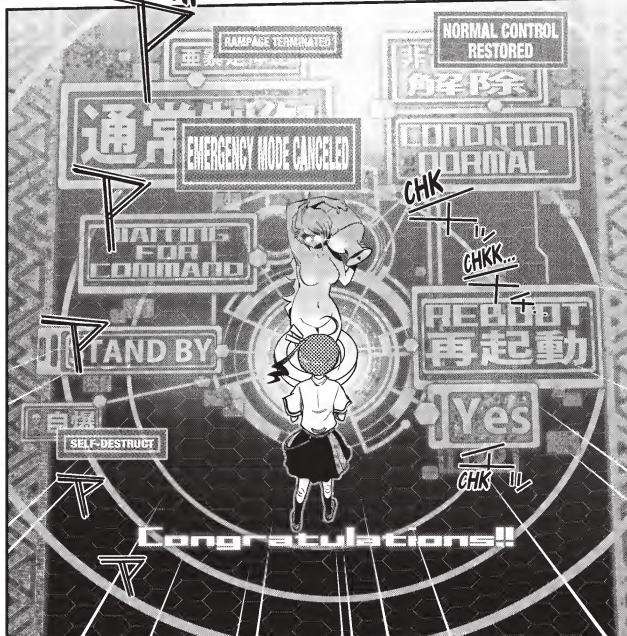
I
CAN'T...

LIM...

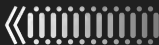








GHOST URN



GHOST URN



KRR
KRR

CLATTER

CLATTER

KRR

KRR

AT THAT VERY
MOMENT, YOUR
REPORTER/CAMERA-
WOMAN/SOLID OPER-
ATOR/IDOL/LOVER
(A GIRL CAN DREAM)...

06

EMERGENCY USE ONLY
EMERGENCY ELEVATOR

FINALLY
SPOTTED
AN
EXIT!

KRR
KRR.
KRR

PANT

PANT

I
CAN
DO
ATH--

CRACK...

KRR
KRR
KRR

CHAK
CHAK

I CAN
DO
THIS!

DARLING
BUREAU
CHIEF,
I'M
COMING
HOME!

CHAK

I'VE BEEN
PERMITTED
TO LIVE
THROUGH
THIS
ADVENTURE!
TO TELL
THE
WORLD!

**GOD IS
ON MY
SIDE AT
LAST!**

AT
LONG
LONG
LONG
LAST!

#

06

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WHEW!

IT...

IT
STOPPED
....!I
THINK?



GUESS
WE'RE
NOT IN
THE
CLEAR
YET.



WHEE

I CAN'T
WAIT
TO SEE
MORE.

THAT
WAS AN
IMPRES-
SIVE
SHOWING!

CLAP
CLAP

HOORAY!!

WE'RE
SAVED!

SHE
DID IT!
SHE
REALLY
DID IT!

WELL,
WELL.

YEAH!
W H O A !

ALL
RIGHT!
YAY!!



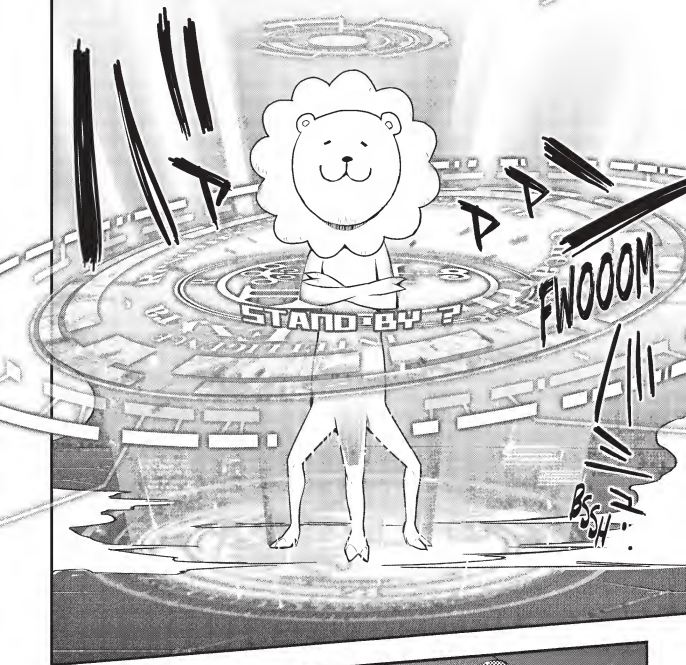
WHEN BLIER
REBOOTS,
THE SECURITY
IN EACH
AREA WILL BE
UPDATED.
HOW LONG DO
WE HAVE...?

CHIM



I
SUPPOSE
IT'S TOO
BIG FOR
THEM
NOT TO
INVESTI-
GATE.

THE CDF,
HUH? OF
COURSE
THE
MILITARY
GOT WIND
OF ALL
THIS.





HEY!
WE'RE
MOVING!



YOU
CAN'T
STOP
IT?!

BUT IF
YOU MOVE
AROUND,
YOU'LL
CRUSH
CLARA-RIN!

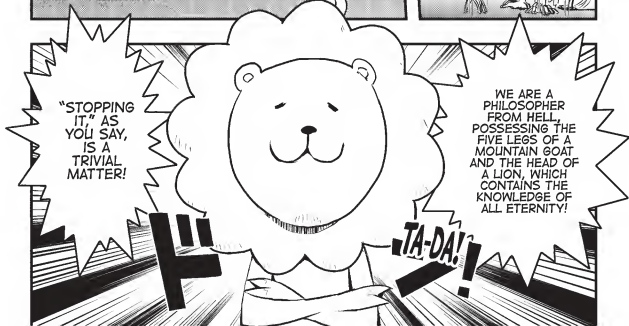
A
REBOOT
IS RE-
QUIRED.



WE'RE
RETURN-
ING TO
NORMAL
MODE,
THAT'S
ALL.

BUT I
TOLD
YOU TO
SETTLE
DOWN!

BAD
BUER!



"STOPPING
IT," AS
YOU SAY,
IS A
TRIVIAL
MATTER!

WE ARE A
PHILOSOPHER
FROM HELL,
POSSESSING THE
FIVE LEGS OF A
MOUNTAIN GOAT
AND THE HEAD OF
A LION, WHICH
CONTAINS THE
KNOWLEDGE OF
ALL ETERNITY!

TA-DA!

WARM
FUZZIES

OKAY!

BUT FIRST,
THOU
MUST
SHOW
US THY
PAN...

...TIES...

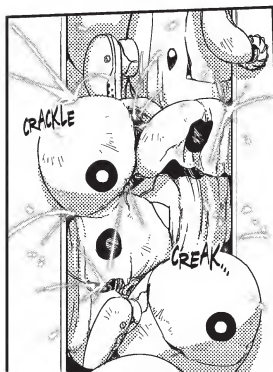
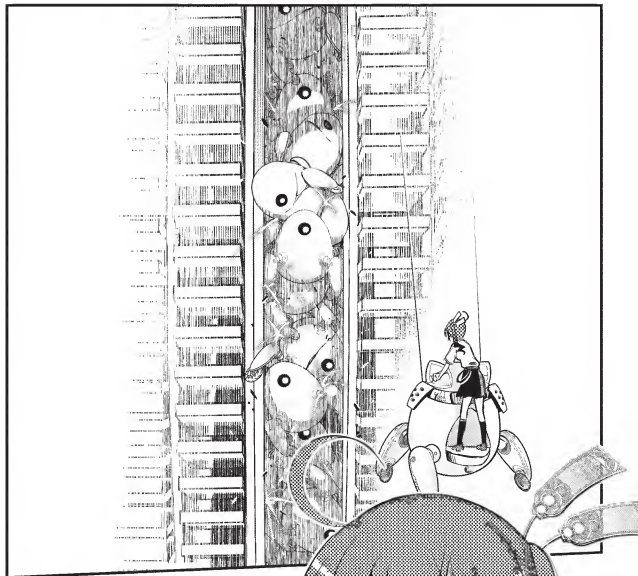
HOIST

FREEZE

VSSH

SHAAAA

CLARA-
RIN!





CLARA-RIN!!

WHERE ARE YOU?!



CLARA-RIN...?



NENE...



CLARA-RIN!!!

CLARA-RIN!

KREE!
KREE...



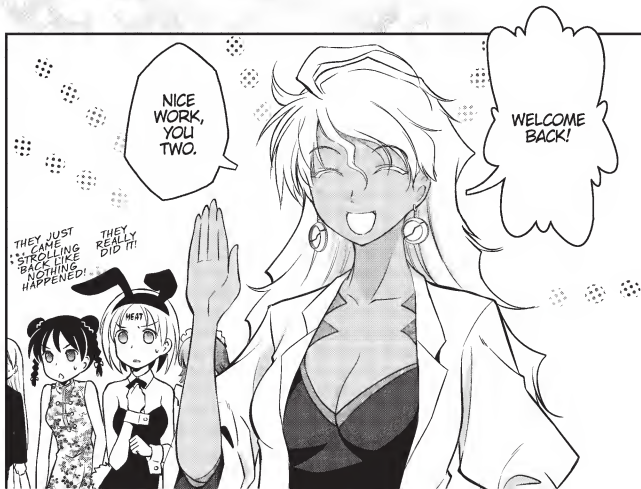
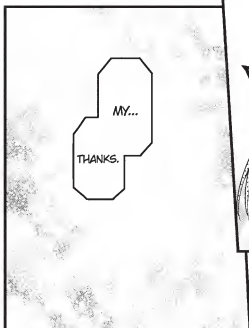
I USED THE GERTSE-COMMAS AS PADDING, BUT NOW I'M TRAPPED.

I'M TWELVE METERS ABOVE YOU.

KREE
KREE...

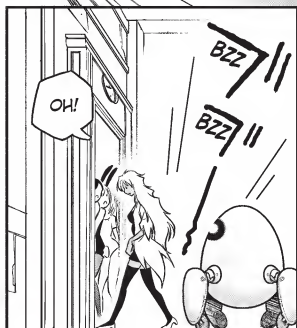
CLARA-RIN?! IS THAT YOU?!

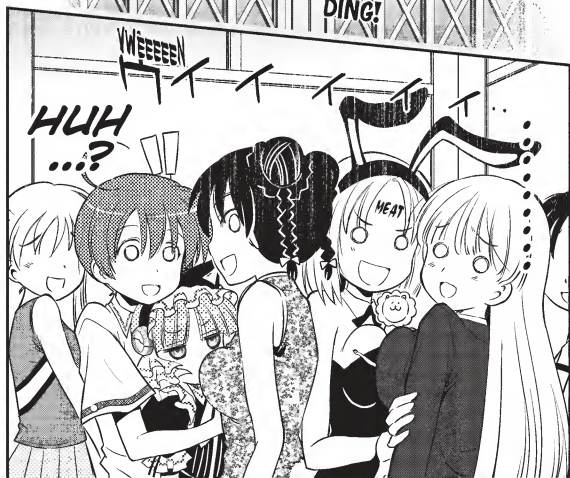
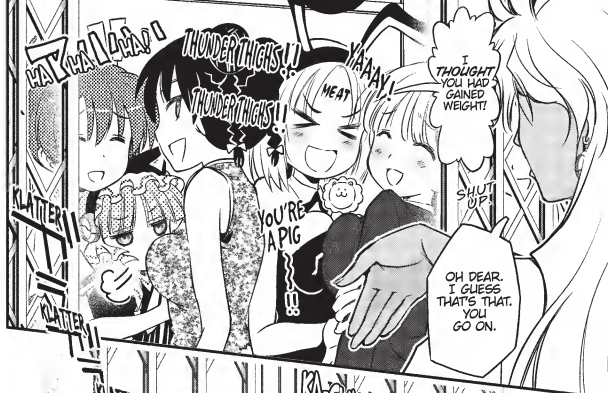














YOU'RE A
SCHEMING
CHEATER!



YOU'RE
NOT THE
SELF-
SACRIFICING
TYPE!

KRRRRRR



SAHAR!
WHAT'S
YOUR
GAME
HERE?!

WAIT!
HANG
ON--!

HEAT

KA-CHAK

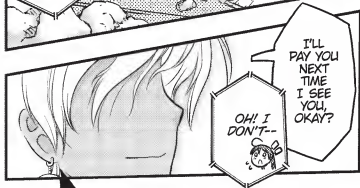


SAHAAAR!

THK

THK

THK



STICK
WITH
NENE-
KUN.

カレオン CLARION

所有者登録

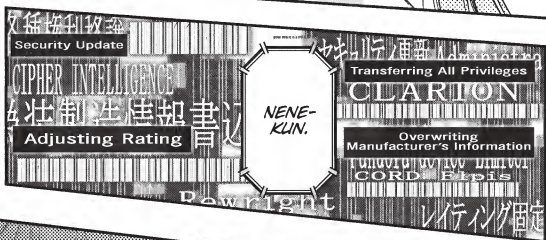
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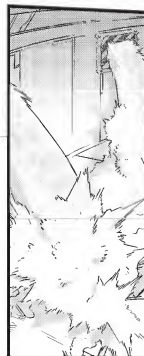
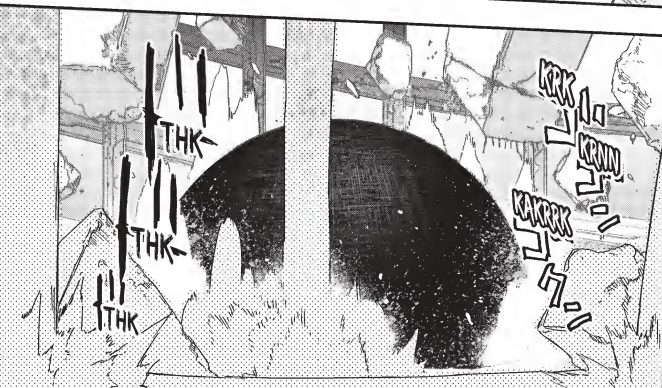
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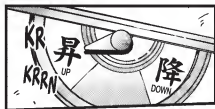
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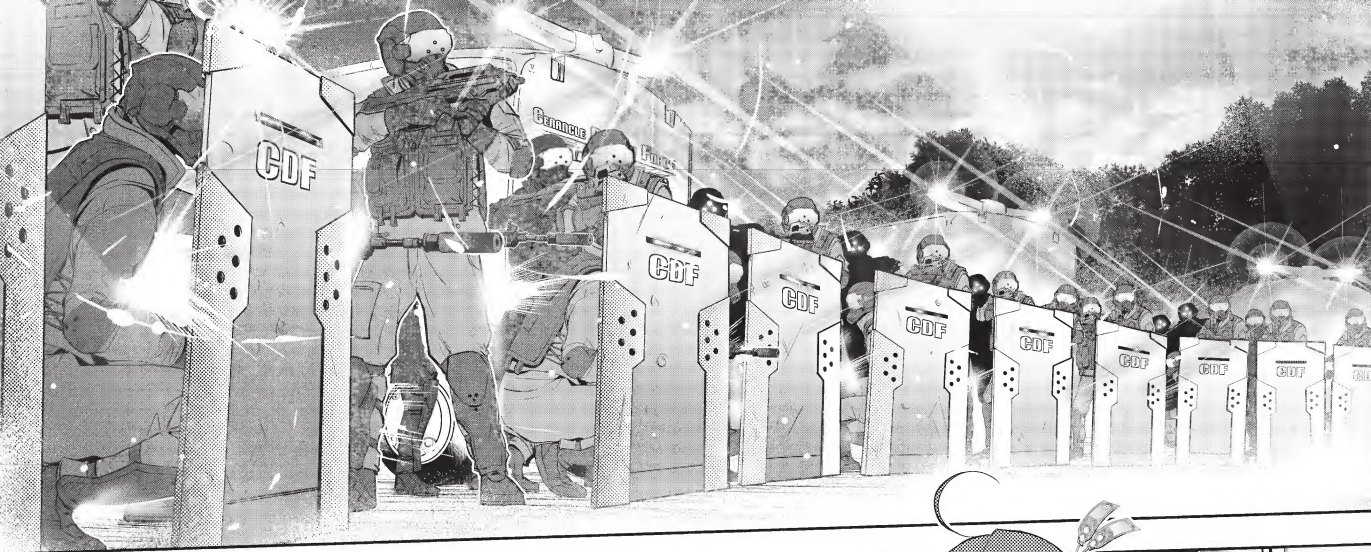
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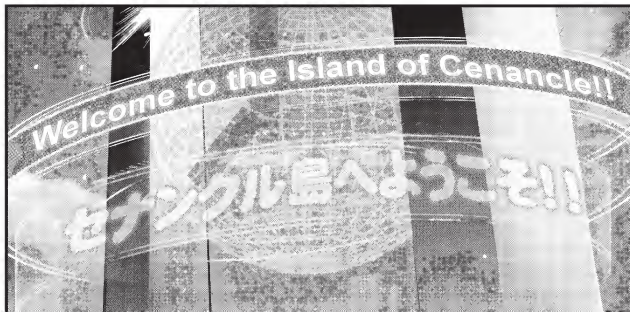
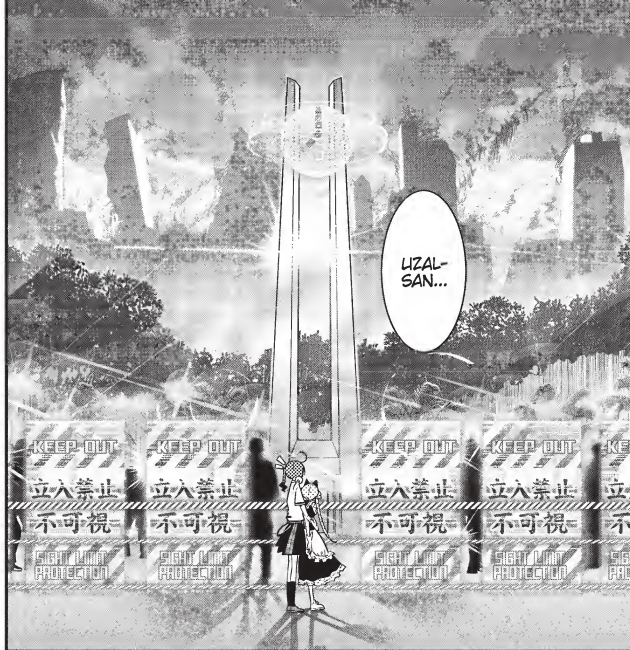




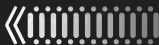








GHOST URN



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AND NO WONDER THE WORLD'S LEADING COMPANIES WORK IN THIS TROPICAL PARADISE-- IT'S THE NEXT BEST THING TO HEAVEN!

JUST
MAKING
SURE
YOU ALL
REMEMBER
HOW
GLORIOUS
IT IS!
I WOULDN'T
WANT YOU
TO FORGET!

HRNNGH!

KOFF ZZZ ZZZ ZZZ

POP

SHUDDER

I'M THE IDOL WHO'S BEEN TO HELL AND BACK! VLIN--

BLACK

STAGE 100

NATU-
RALLY
...!

NATURALLY...!

NGH... I COLLAPSED UNDERGROUND, BUT NOW I'M ON THE SURFACE...?

RED TAGS TAKE PRIORITY

BLACK...

FELONY

RED
TAGS
TAKE
PRI-
ORITY!

NEXT
PATIENT! } THERE'S
A
PULSE!



KUUUUUUU

BILLOW

BILLOW

THIS
PLACE IS
GINOR-
MOUS...!

OF
COURSE!
THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

PLEASE
PASS ON
THE CHIEF'S
WARMEST
REGARDS TO
PRESIDENT
KOROBASE.

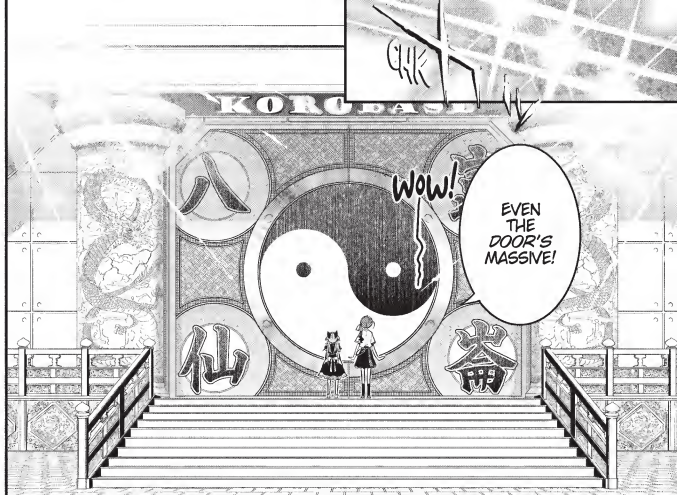
THE
KOROBASE
RESIDENCE
IS UP
THERE.

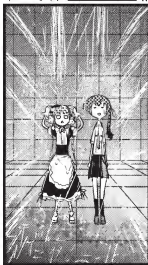
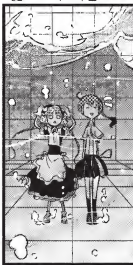
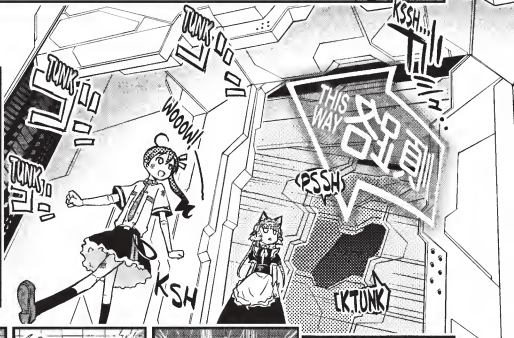
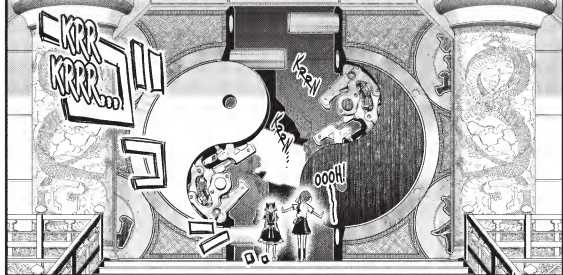
WHOA
.....

TMP

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I USE
THIS?

A DIRECT
CONNECTION
TO
REGISTER
WITH
SECURITY?

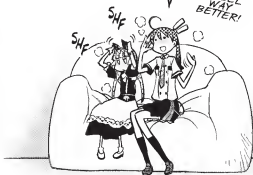
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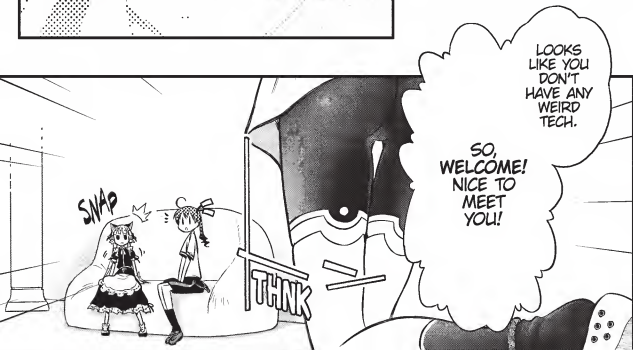


PERFECT
TIMING!
WE WERE
BOTH SO
FILTHY.

OH,
I SEE.
DECON-
TAMINA-
TION!

I FEEL
WAY
BETTER!



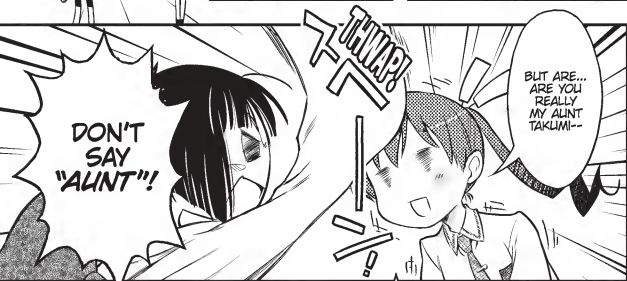


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T=h

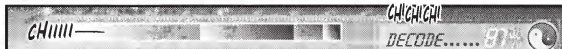
IT'S OUR
FIRST TIME
MEETING
IN PERSON,
HUH,
NENE-CHAN?

I'M
KOROBASE
TAKUMI,
YEAH!

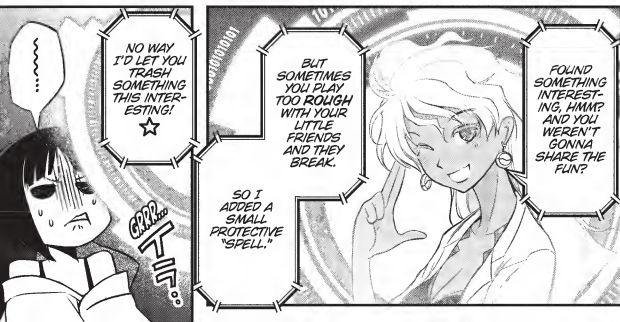
JANGLE
T=h

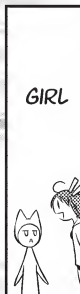


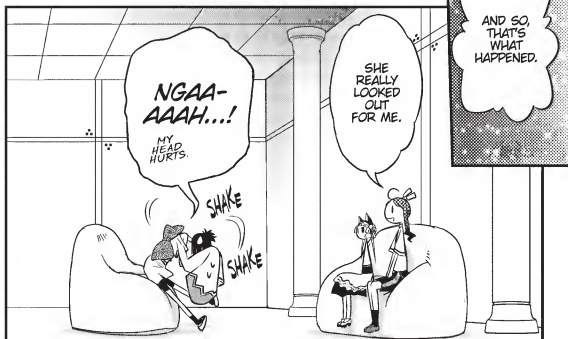




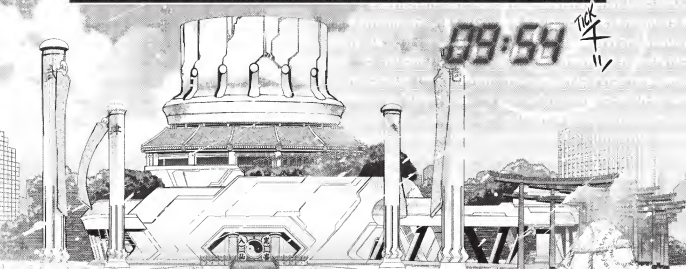
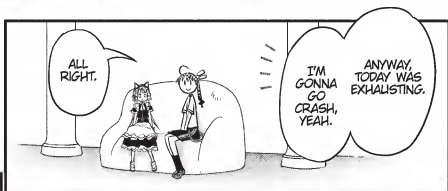
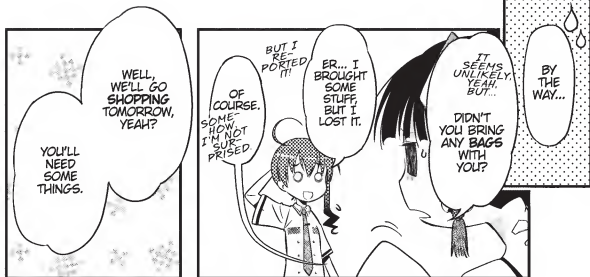
FWOOO

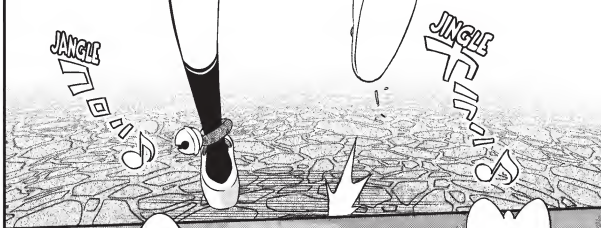












IT'S
GREAT
TO BE
OUTSIDE,
YEAH!

WHAT A
GORGEOUS
DAY!



COME ON,
HURRY UP!

THIS WAY,
YEAH!

YEAH!

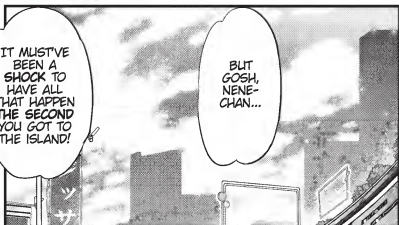






IT MUST'VE
BEEN A
SHOCK TO
HAVE ALL
THAT HAPPEN
THE SECOND
YOU GOT TO
THE ISLAND!

BUT
GOSH,
NENE-
CHAN...



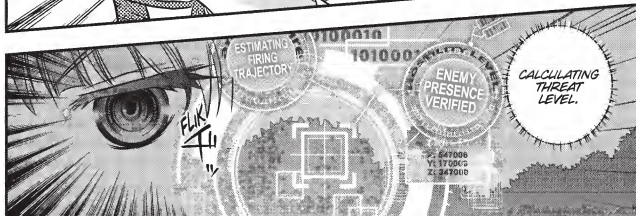
DON'T
WORRY,
THOUGH!
THINGS ARE
USUALLY
CALM HERE,
YEAH!



NENE!

IS
THERE A
CLOTHING
STORE
NEARBY?

ALL
THE
MAJOR
LABELS
HAVE
SHOPS
HERE,
YEAH!



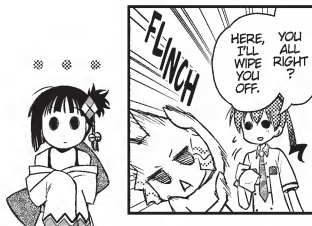
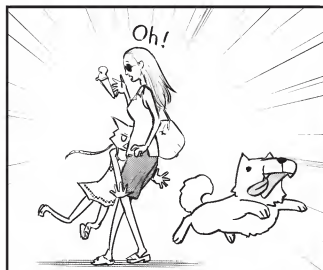




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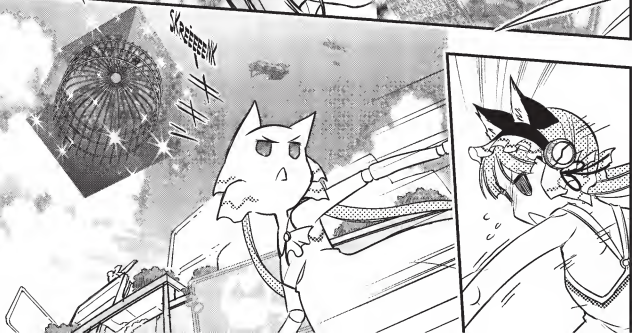
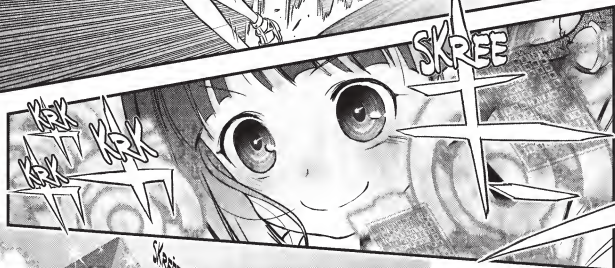


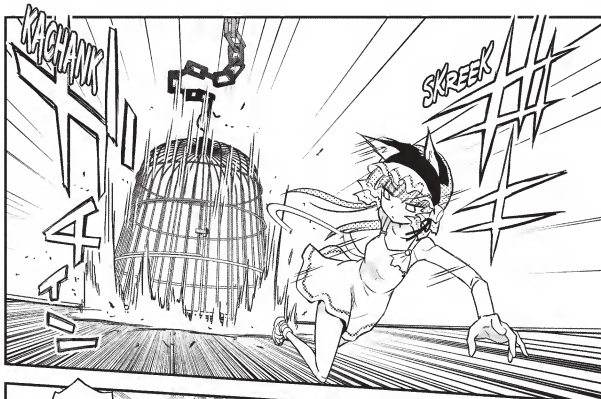


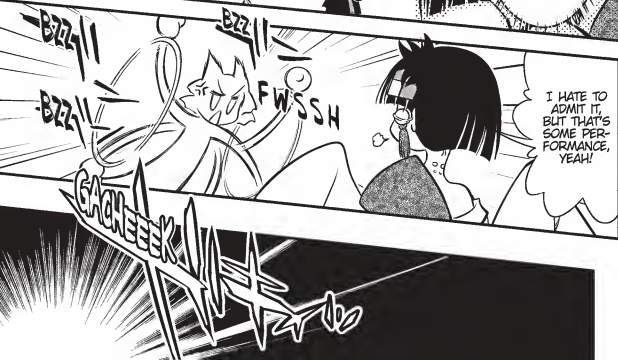
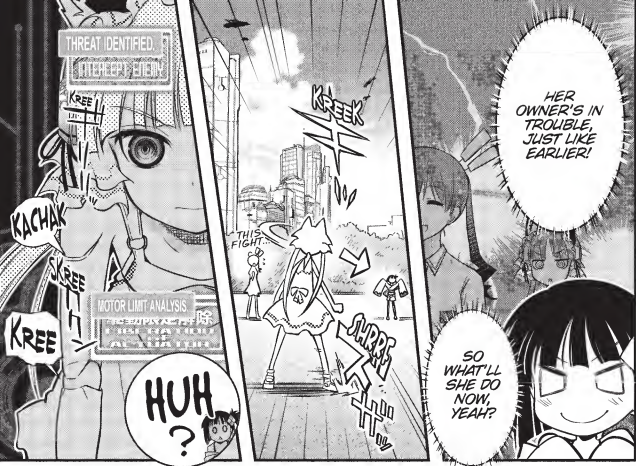














YOU'RE
STILL A
DOLL,
YEAH!



GUH GUH GUH...



JULIUS!
ACCEPT IT,
YEAH?



BUT
STUFF LIKE
THIS GETS
ME SO
CURIOUS--!

UM...
SHE
REALLY
DOES
HATE IT.

JUST
ONE
TEENY-
TINY
TOUCH,
YEAH...!

I
REFUSE!

ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT!!

Nooooo!

SNAP...

BAM

PLEASE
STOP!

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERRIDE
ADMIN
THE TOP
EDGE OF
RETROVIA

KREEN

AZEE

KRRRR

FORCED CONNECTION
INTERRUPT
CONNECT

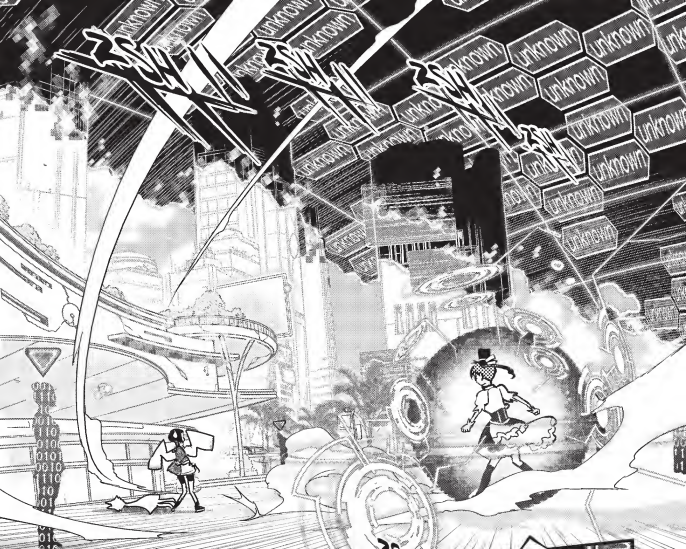
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PANDORA
DEVICE
OPEN!

RELEASE
SKILL
ELPIS
SERIES
HACKER
(WIZARD
CLASS).





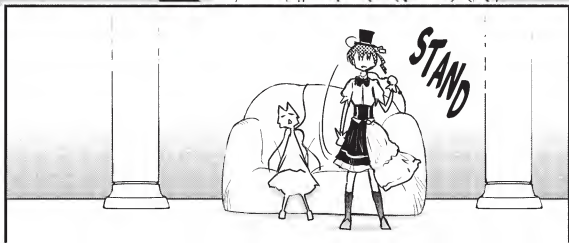
WHAT
THE
HECK
KIND OF
SKILL
APP IS
THAT?!

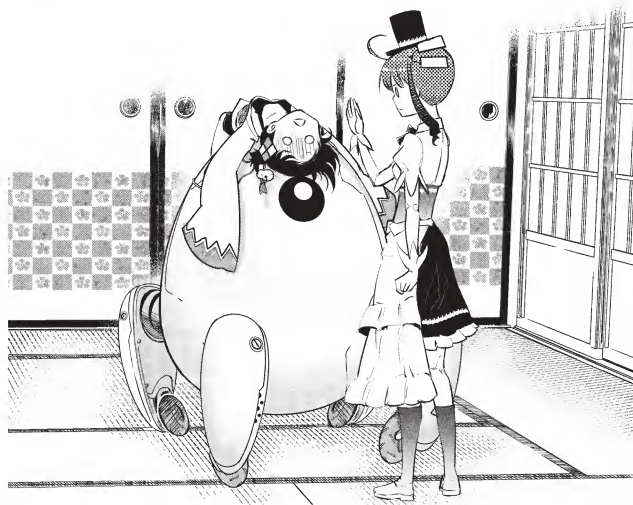
EVERY
SHRED
OF MY
DATA'S
BEING
OBLITER-
ATED,
YEAH!

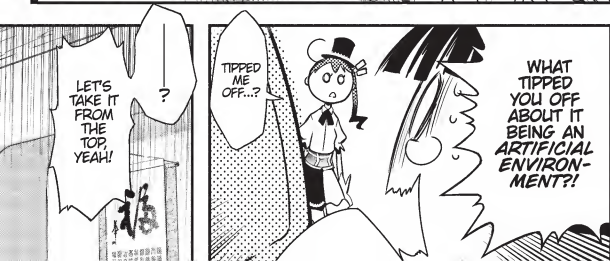
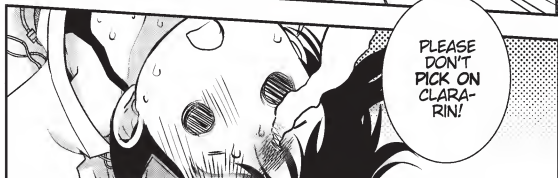


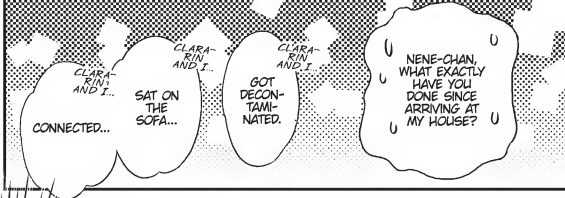
NGAAAH!!













**PROTECTIVE
WALL.**

**SHE
HAS A
NATURAL...**



**AN
ADEPTER!**

**NANAKOROBİ
NENE IS...**



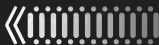
GULP!

REACH...

**THIS
GIRL
IS...**



GHOST URN



GHOST URN



I'M
HERE
WITH
ISLAND
NEWS.

TTV Island News

THE AREA
OF THE CITY
AROUND
THE PORT
OF VULCAN
SUFFERED
EXTENSIVE
DAMAGE WHEN
THE BEDROCK
BELOW WAS
DESTROYED IN
AN EXPLOSION
CAUSED BY
TERRORIST
ACTIVITY.

THE
CENACLE
SELF-GOV-
ERNANCE
ORGANIZA-
TION HAS
ANNOUNCED
THAT...



NEWS
ROOM

COUNCIL MEETING
INFORMATION

LIVE
TTV

news special channel of TTV which reports the latest news for 24 hours.

THE
CENACLE
DEFENSE
FORCES
HAVE
REPORTED
THAT THEIR
INVESTIGA-
TION...

CONFIRMS
THAT SAHAR
SCHEHERA,
WHO WAS
WANTED
INTERNATION-
ALLY AND WHO
COORDINATED
THIS ATTACK,
DIED IN A
SUICIDE
BOMBING.

サハル・セヘラ

Sahar Schehera (terrorist)

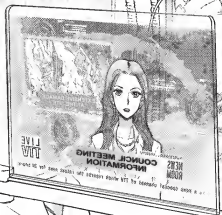
WHY
HASN'T
MY
DEBUT
REPORT
AIRED
YET?!

THEY
CALL
THAT
NEWS?!
WHO
CARES?!

THE CDF HAS MADE
MULTIPLE ARRESTS,
INCLUDING THOSE
THOUGHT TO BE
SAHAR SCHEHERA'S
SUBORDINATES,
AND INTENDS TO
INVESTIGATE THAT
RELATIONSHIP IN
GREATER DEPTH--

SNARF

SNARF





AND NOW,
I'VE BEEN
REBORN
AS THE
IMMORTAL
IDOL
REPORTER--!

I WAS ONLY
A TOP IDOL
BEFORE,
BUT THEN I
HOVERED
BETWEEN LIFE
AND DEATH FOR
THREE DAYS!
I EVEN DIED
A COUPLE
OF TIMES!

BUT LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK AT
SOMETHING
THAT OFFERS
AN ALTERNATIVE
PERSPECTIVE.

WE HAVE
ACTUAL
FOOTAGE OF
THE TERRORISTS
GETTING INTO
AN EMERGENCY
ELEVATOR
IMMEDIATELY
PRIOR TO THEIR
ARREST.

SOME
PEOPLE
HAVE
VOICED
THOSE
CRITICISMS
OF
DELILAH-
SHI.

"LIP-
START."
"WOLF
IN
SHEEP'S
CLOTH-
ING."

IDIOT!
THE
MICS
IN THE
FRAME!

WE'RE
ROLL-
ING!

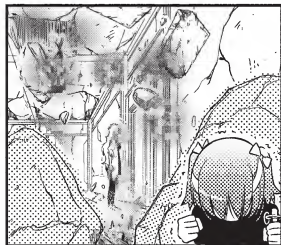
HOLD
ON!

CLACK

KLATTER

/p
by
POP

FWP



IN THIS
INVALUABLE
FOOTAGE
RECOVERED
FROM THE
CAMERA I
HAPPENED TO
MISPLACE
ON THE
SCENE!

THERE'S
NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
HOW
THINGS
PLAY OUT...



HURRY!

HE'LL
BE SO
THRILLED
--!

I HAVE TO
EDIT THIS
VIDEO AND
SEND IT TO
THE BUREAU
CHIEF ASAP!

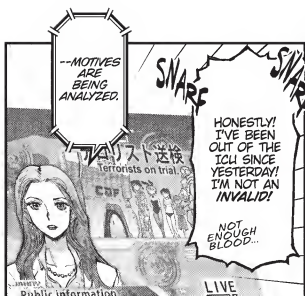
WHUD

SLAM

DAMMIT
I SAID
VISITOR
BUT I DID
ACCOUNT
FOR
NURSE
COMING

YOU
ABSOLUTELY
HAVE TO
REST!!

WHY DO
YOU THINK
RE
G?!



LIZAL DELILAH-SHI, CEO OF THE RARE FOUNDATION, WHO WAS A VICTIM OF THE TERRORISTS.

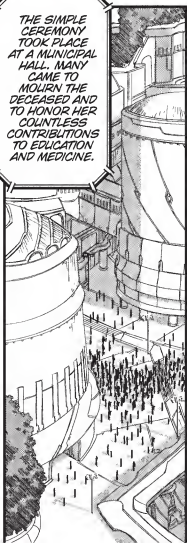
A SUBDUED MEMORIAL CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR...



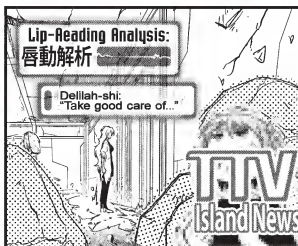
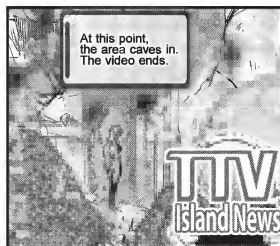
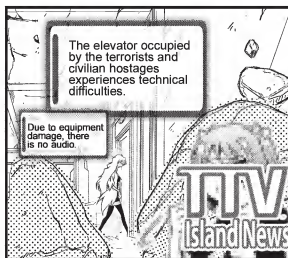
THE DECEASED OPERATED MULTIPLE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES. LOSING HER IN THE RECENT TERRORIST ATTACK WAS A SEVERE BLOW IN MANY ARENAS OF LIFE.

IN FACT, EVEN THOUGH THE NATURE OF THE DISASTER MEANT THAT THE DATE AND TIME OF THE SERVICE WERE NOT MADE PUBLIC, AN ENDLESS STREAM OF PEOPLE STOPPED OUTSIDE THE HALL TO OFFER FLOWERS AND SILENT PRAYERS.

THE SIMPLE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT A MUNICIPAL HALL. MANY CAME TO MOURN THE DECEASED AND TO HONOR HER COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND MEDICINE.



People are people,
the world over.





AT THE SCENE,
PEOPLE'S
SADNESS AND
OPPOSITION TO
TERRORISM
ARE PALPABLE.

TAKING
THIS INTO
CONSIDERATION,
THE CSGO
INTENDS TO
ESTABLISH AN
ORGANIZATION
TO PRESERVE
PUBLIC SAFETY
FROM EXISTING
PLANS--



ALL OF US
HERE AT TTV
OFFER OUR
SINCEREST
SYMPATHIES AT
THE LOSS OF
THE HERO UZAL
DELLAH-SHI,
WHO SACRIFICED
HERSELF TO
SAVE OTHER
CITIZENS.

THIS FOOTAGE,
ACCIDENTALLY
CAPTURED BY
A MEMBER OF
THE PUBLIC,
SEEMS TO
SHOW UZAL
DELLAH-SHI
ACTING
HEROICALLY.

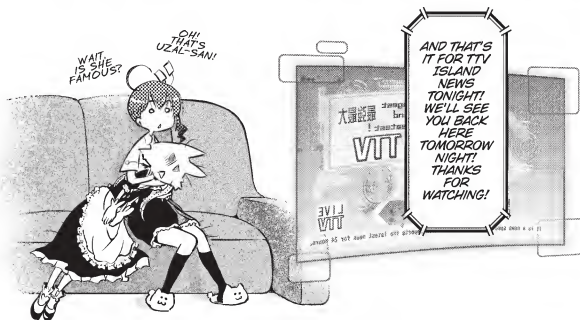
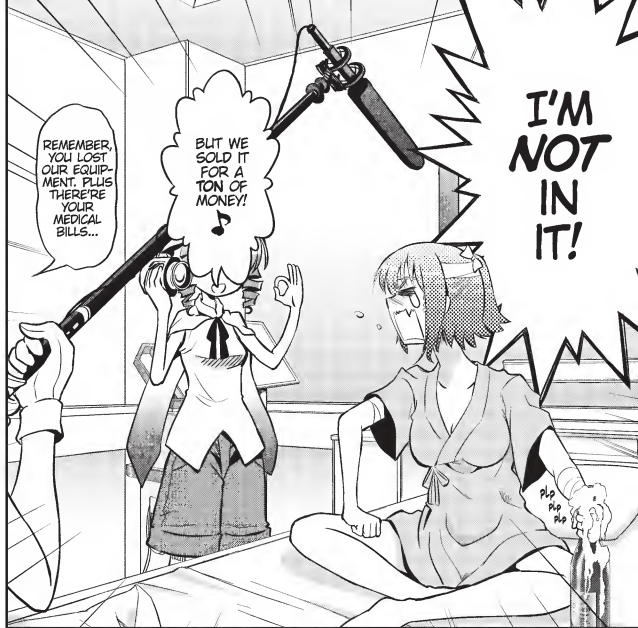
SANDRA JARIN
NEWS
ROOM

企業家の崇高な行動

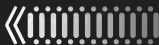
Noble act by businesswoman.

special channel of TTV which reports the late





GHOST URN



GHOST URN





IN THE WAKE OF
THE TERRORIST
ACTIVITY ON
CENACLE, THE
DAMAGE IS STILL
WIDESPREAD
ENOUGH THAT
ACCESS TO 80%
OF THE AREA
REMAINS
RESTRICTED.

AT TIMES
LIKE THIS,
THE GEARS
OF HISTORY
GRIND AND
THE FOUND-
ATIONS OF
OUR WORLD
CRACK.

BUT WE
MUST
FACE IT
WITHOUT
HATRED.

THIS
VIOLENCE
IS
UNFORGIV-
ABLE...



HONESTLY!
WHERE
DID SHE
DISAPPEAR
TO
NOW?!

IT'S MY
HUNCH THAT
THE TERRORIST
CELL WILL BE
TRANSFERRED
HERE TO
SISYPHUS
PRISON IN THE
NEXT FEW
DAYS--

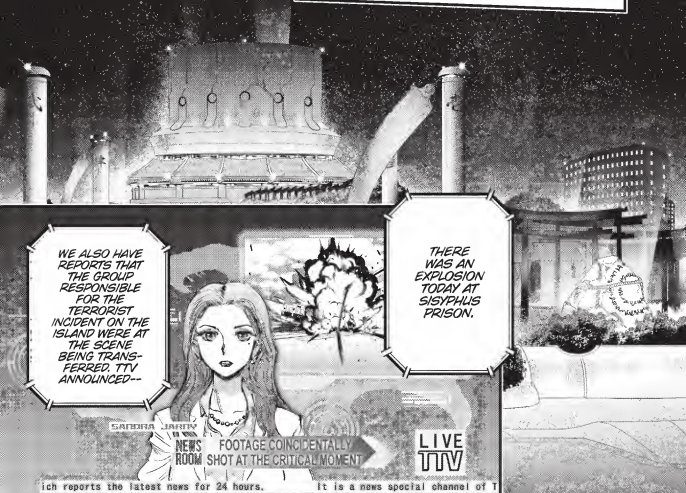
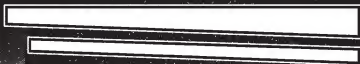
WILL IT
BE THE
LAW THAT
JUDGES,
OR
HISTORY
...?

KRR

KRR

KRR





I HAD THIS
BACKUP OF MY
TERRARIUM
DATA FROM
BEFORE MY
LAST TWEAKS,
SO IT'S ALL
GOOD.

NENE-CHAN'S
SCARY
WHEN SHE'S
MAD!

WE CAN
TRY THE
WELCOME
PARTY
AGAIN NOW,
YEAH.

HMM?

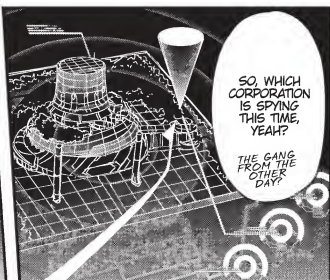
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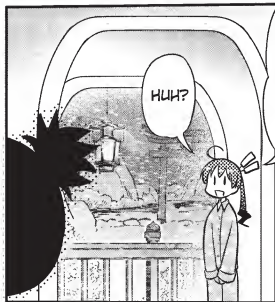
A "GUEST"
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT...?

侵入者アリ
INTRUDER

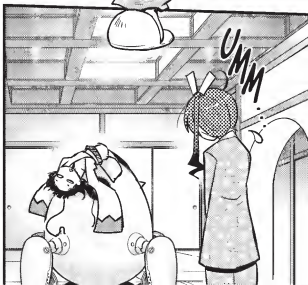
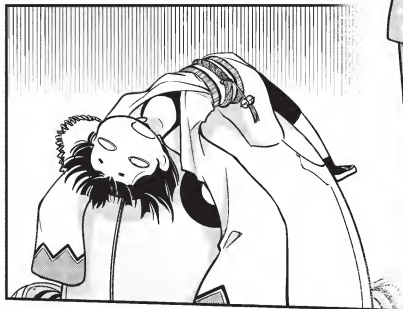
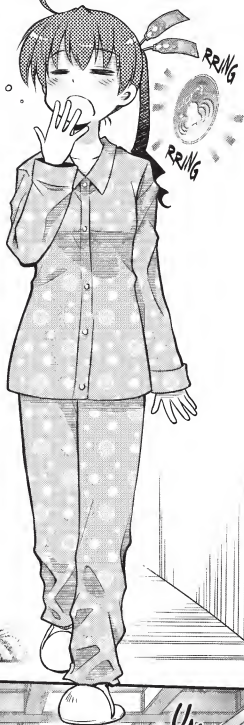
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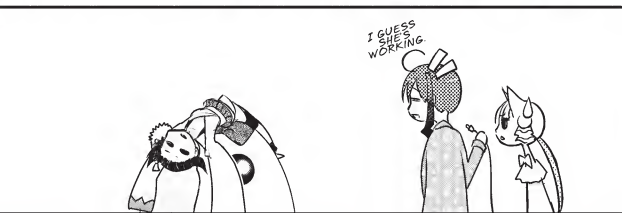
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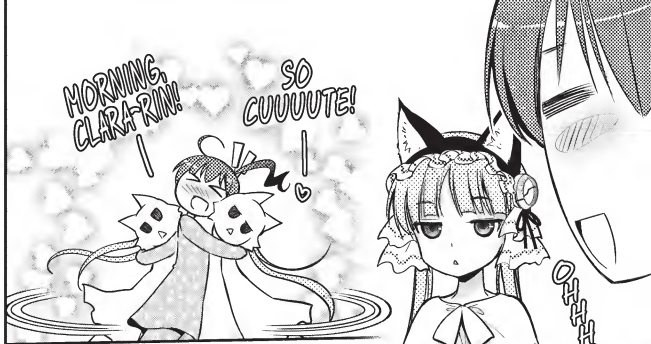


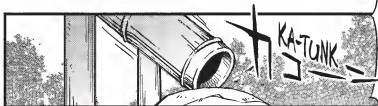


OH!
GOOD
MORNING,
TAKUMI-
CHAN!









HONESTLY!



OKAY!
I'LL
BE
CARE-
FUL!

JUST BECAUSE
YOU FINALLY
HAVE A CHANCE
TO RELAX,
DOESN'T MEAN
YOU CAN GO
NUTS, YEAH!

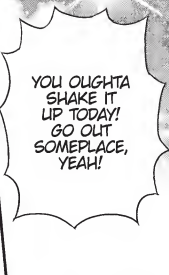
AND ALL
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OF
UZAL...

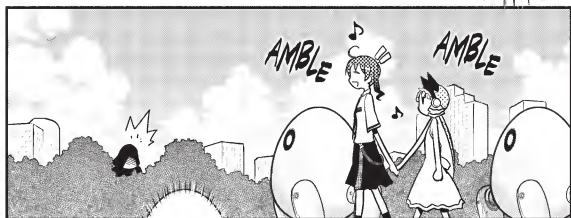
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ABLE

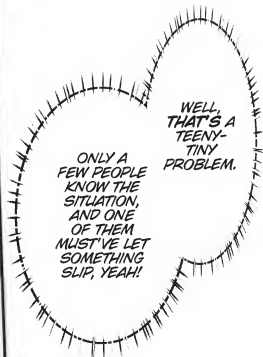
YOU'VE
BEEN
GOING
FLAT-OUT
FOR DAYS,
YEAH, SO
IT'S NO
WONDER.

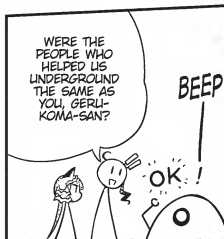
THE MILITARY
POLICE GRILLED
YOU... THE
IMMIGRATION
PROCESS IS A
HUGE PAIN...

WELL,
YOU GOT
CAUGHT UP
IN WEIRD
STUFF
AS SOON
AS YOU
REACHED
THE
ISLAND.









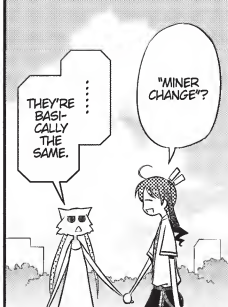


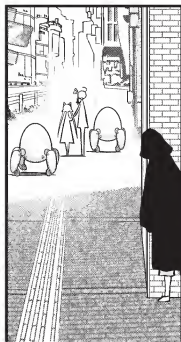
WELL,
THEN,
THANKS
FOR
HELPING
US!

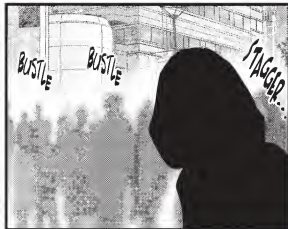


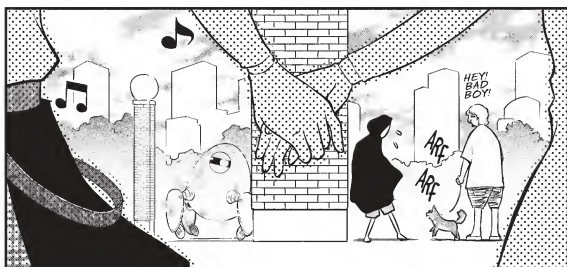
THEY
ARE?

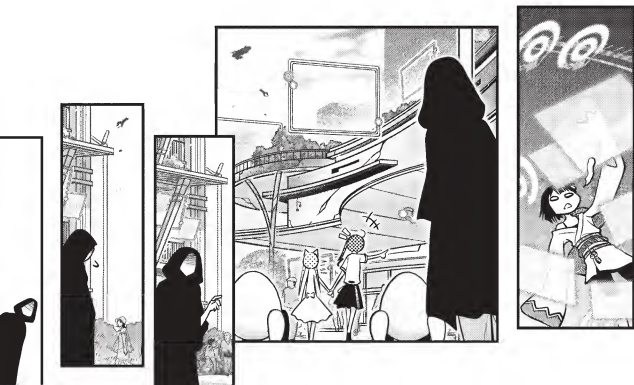
YOU
SURE
KNOW
A LOT,
CLARA-
RIN!



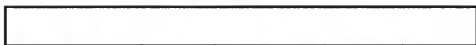














I'VE PRACTICALLY GIFT-WRAPPED THIS CHANCE FOR YOU, LITTLE MISS TAIL. GO FOR IT, YEAH!



BUT IT'S PRACTICALLY DESERTED DURING THE DAY! NO ONE GOES THERE WITHOUT A REASON.

CHARON'S THE "ENTERTAINMENT" DISTRICT-- NOOOOO WAY I COULDN'T SENT NENE-CHAN THERE AT NIGHT WITH WHAT GOES ON DOWN THERE, YEAH!



IF YOU'RE AFTER UZAL'S DOLL, THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

WHICH OF THEM ARE YOU GUNNING FOR?

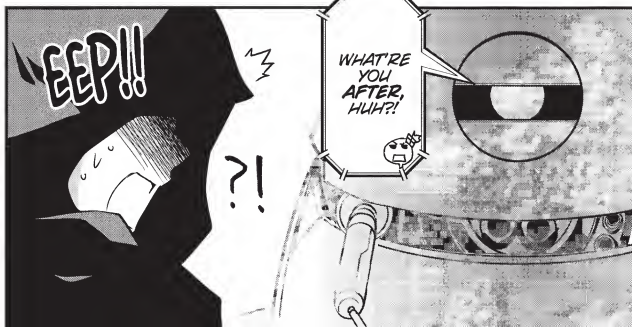
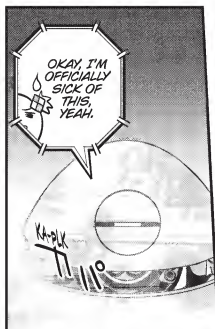


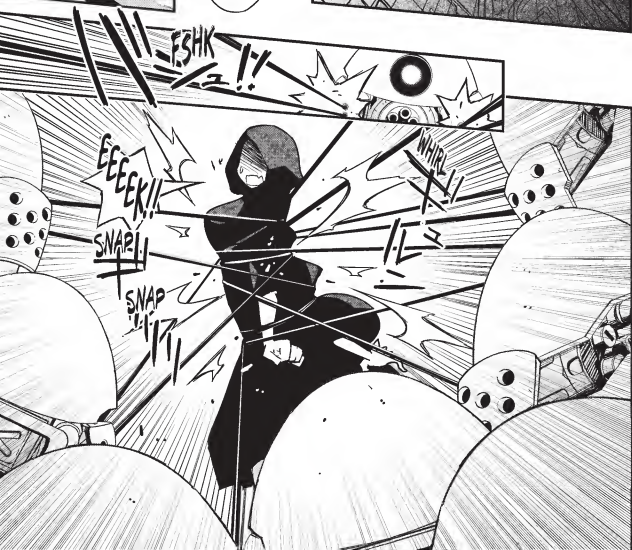
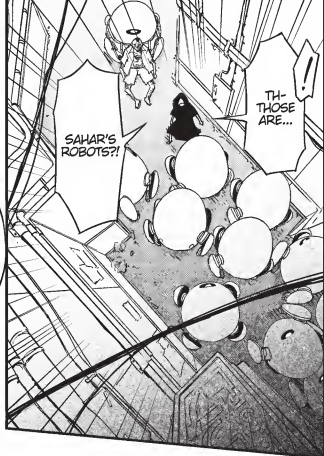
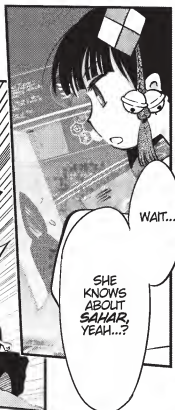
OH!
WE'RE HERE!

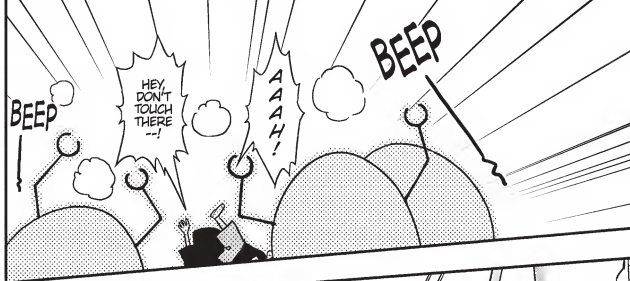
I'LL SQUASH YOU AND WHOEVER'S BACKING YOU LIKE BUGS, YEAH.

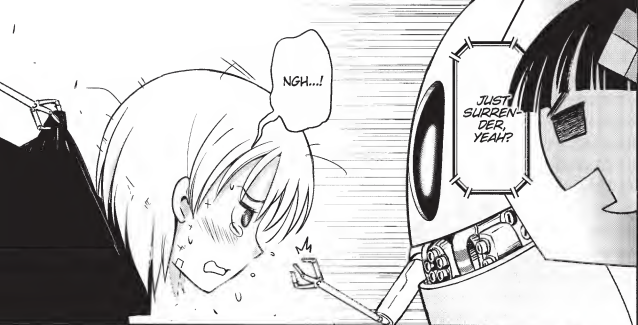
BUT IF NENE-CHAN'S YOUR TARGET...

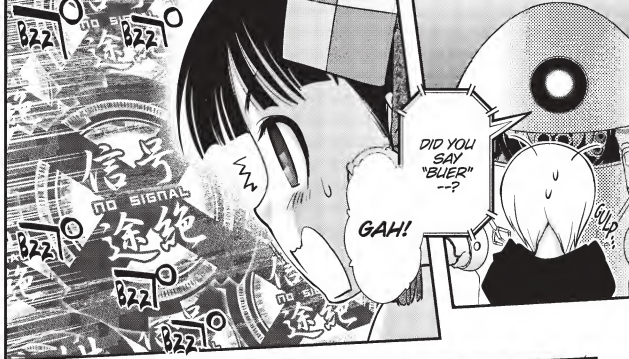




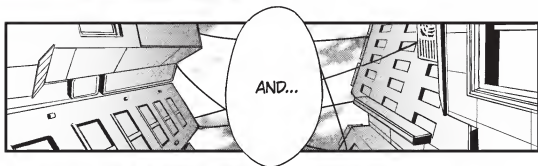


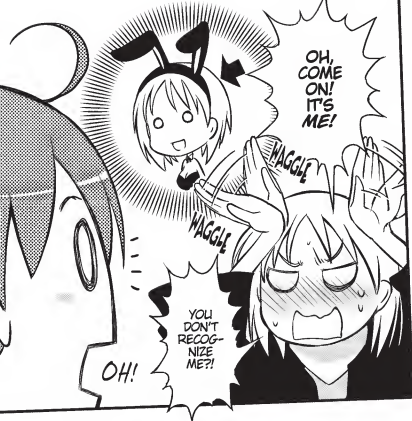






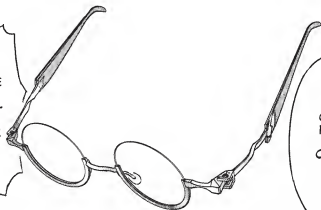






JUST
THINKING
ABOUT
WHAT SAHAR
PULLED
MAKES ME
ANGRY ALL
OVER AGAIN!
THAT
JERK--!

YES! THE
REAL
AUTHORI-
ZATION
KEY FOR
BUER!



THE
ONES
FROM
THE
OTHER
DAY?

GLASSES
...?

OH!



YEAH!
BECAUSE
--!

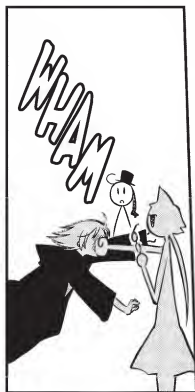
BY
TOMOR-
ROW?

WE
NEED
THEM
BY
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ROW!

YOU
HAVE
TO
REMEM-
BER!

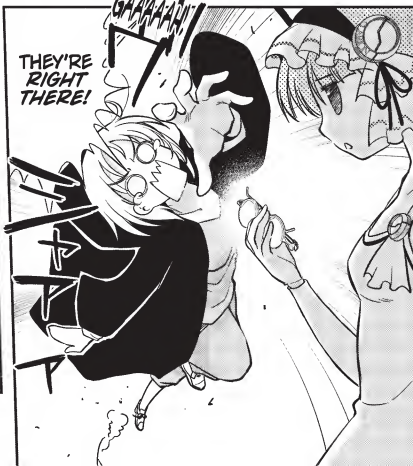
LIM...
LET ME
SEE...

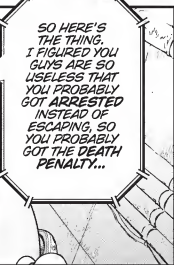
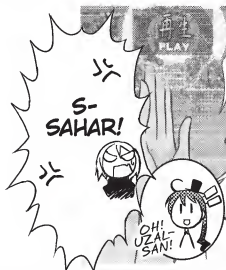
WHAT
DID I
DO
WITH
THEM
...?

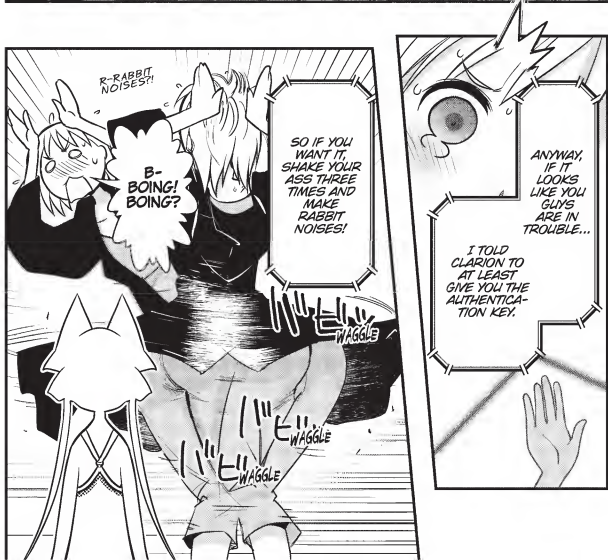


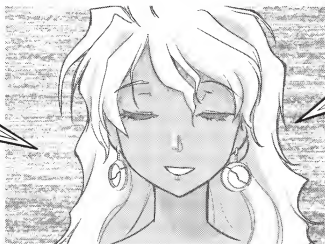
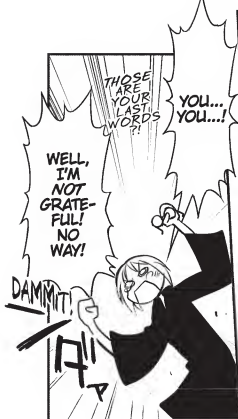
THEY'RE
RIGHT
THERE!

GAAAAA!



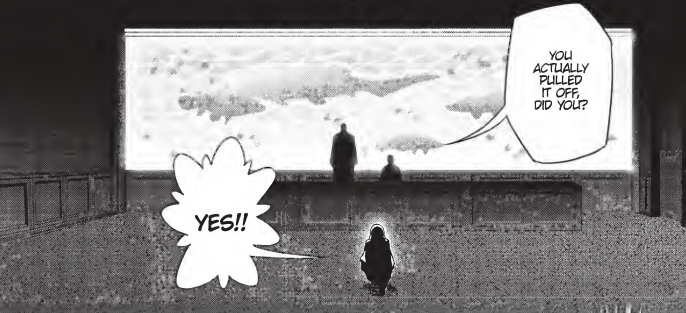






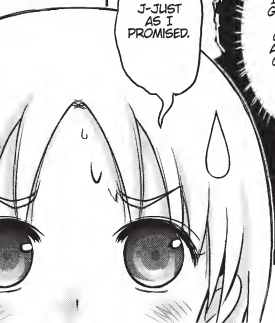


CAPTAIN!
I GOT IT!
I GOT THE
AUTHORIZA-
TION KEY!



YOU
ACTUALLY
PULLED
IT OFF,
DID YOU?

YES!!



J-JUST
AS I
PROMISED.

IF I CAN
GET HOLD
OF IT,
GIVE US
ANOTHER
CHANCE!

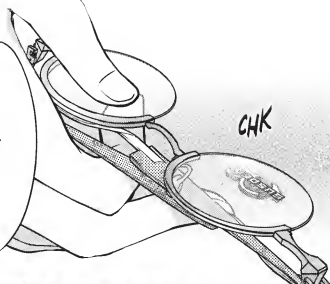
WE HAVE
AN IDEA
OF HOW
TO
ACCESS
BLUER!

WE KNOW
A SIMPLE
WAY TO
ELIMINATE
THE RISK
OF SUCH
A LEAK.

WE
REMOVED
YOU FROM
JAIL TO
PREVENT
INFORMA-
TION
LEAKS.

CLAAANG





BUER'S AUTHEN-
TICATION
KEY.

CHK

THESE
HOLD...

URK!

I'M SO
S--

OF COURSE,
IF YOU LOT HADN'T
GOTTEN THE WRONG
AUTHENTICATION
INITIALLY, BUER
WOULDN'T HAVE
GONE RAMPAGING,
AND THIS WOULD
ALL HAVE BEEN
MUCH SIMPLER.

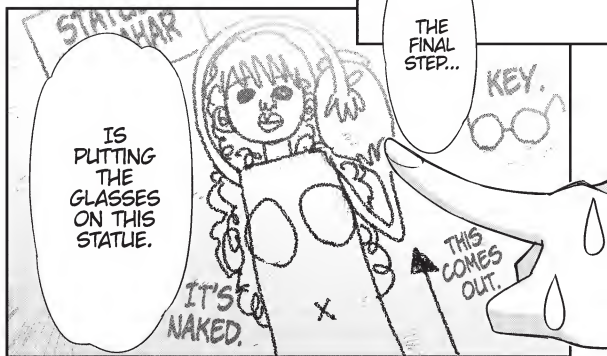
WELL,
THAT'S AN
INTERESTING
FORMAT
FOR A
STORAGE
KEY.

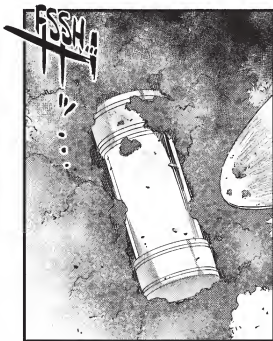
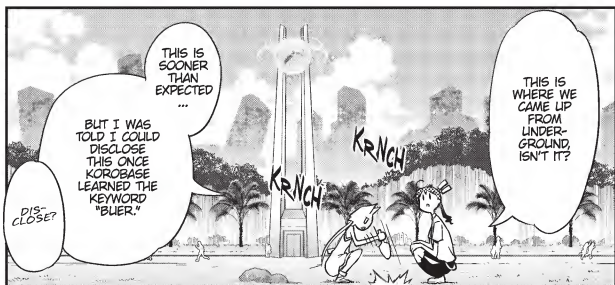
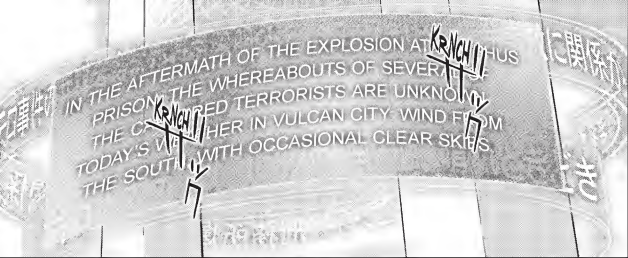
JUST
WATCH.

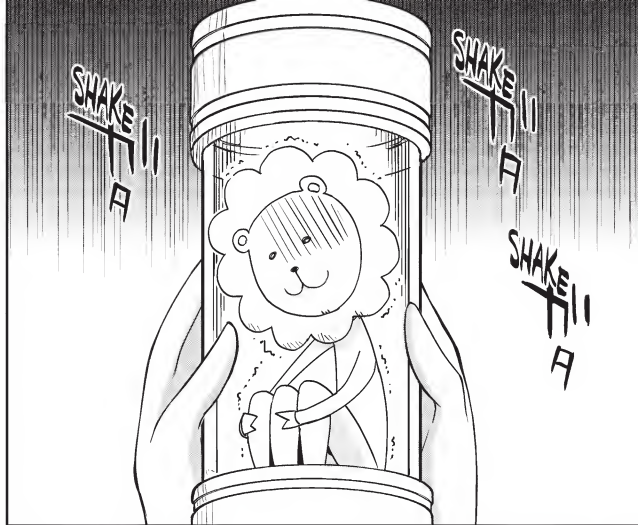
I'LL
DRAW A
DIAGRAM.

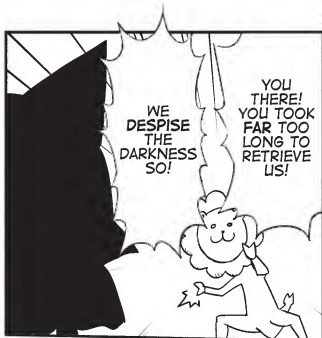
IT'S...
KIND OF
HARD TO
EXPLAIN.

SO HOW
DO YOU
USE
THEM?









WE
DESPISE
THE
DARKNESS
SO!

YOU
THERE!
YOU TOOK
FAR TOO
LONG TO
RETRIEVE
US!



INNER
THIGHS

IT
WOULD
BE TIME
ENOUGH
TO ARRIVE
AT THE
TRUTH
OF ALL
THINGS.

IF ONE
MEDI-
TATED...

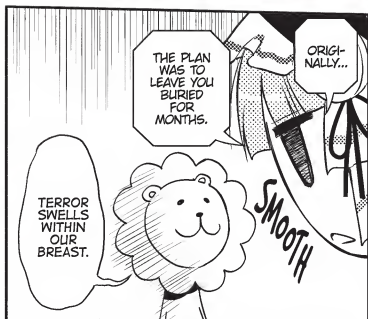
IT'S
BEEN
AN
ETER-
NITY.



TRULY,
THOU
ART
DREAD-
FULLY
TRITE.

SORRY.
JUST
FORGET
IT.

SMOOTH



TERROR
SWELLS
WITHIN
OUR
BREAST.

THE PLAN
WAS TO
LEAVE YOU
BURIED
FOR
MONTHS.

ORIGI-
NALLY...

SMOOTH



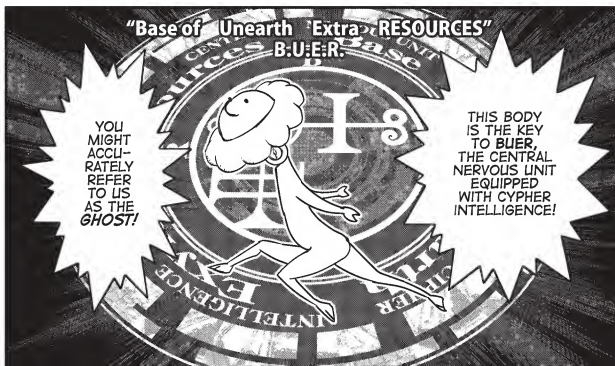
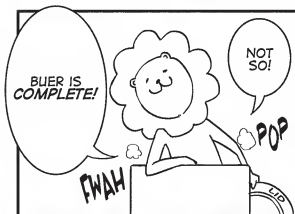
IS IT YOUR
INTENTION
TO SEAL US
BENEATH
THE BLACK
EARTH ONCE
MORE?!

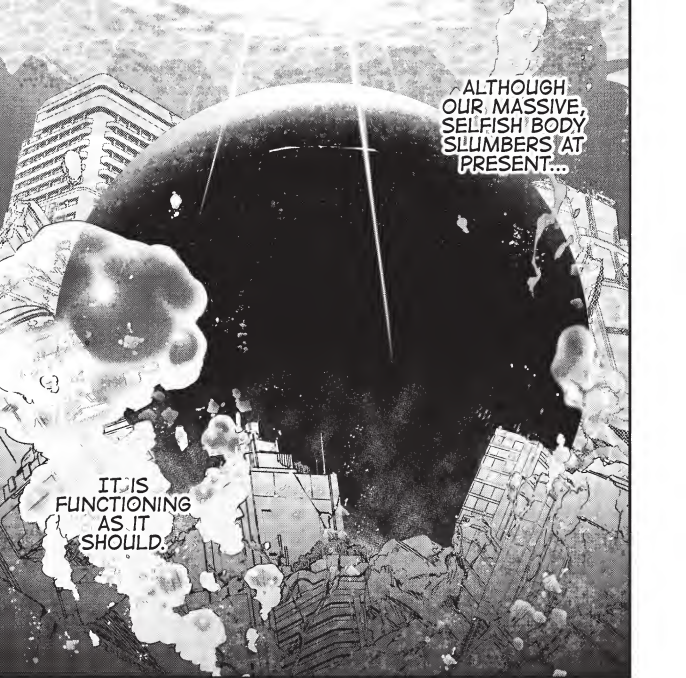
YOU
!!



THEN
THE
HORROR
OF THE
PAST
SHALL
FLOW
AWAY
LIKE THE
RIVER.

IF YOU
WISH TO
COMFORT
US WITH
SUCH
MEAGER
OFFER-
INGS...





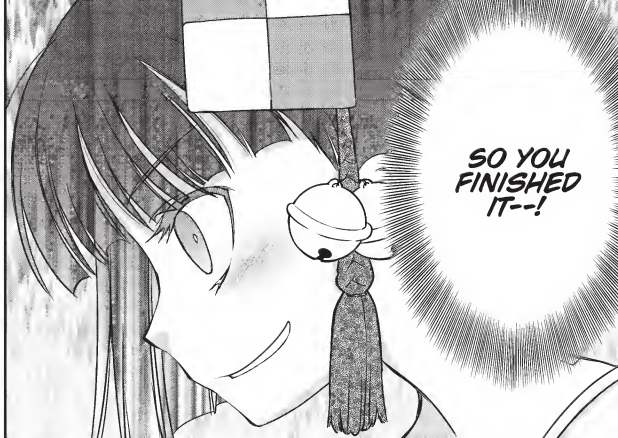
ALTHOUGH
OUR MASSIVE,
SELFISH BODY
SLUMBERS AT
PRESENT...

IT IS
FUNCTIONING
AS IT
SHOULD.



THAT
DAMNED
LIZAL....!

I
SEE.



SO YOU
FINISHED
IT--!

UZAL'S
DOLL
COMING
HERE...



THAT
TERRORIST
INCIDENT...



THIS
THING
IS A
NUISANCE,
BUT...

SO
ANNOYING.

FLUTTER

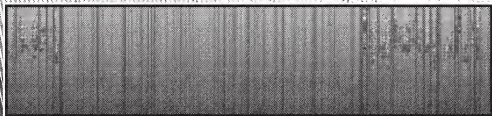
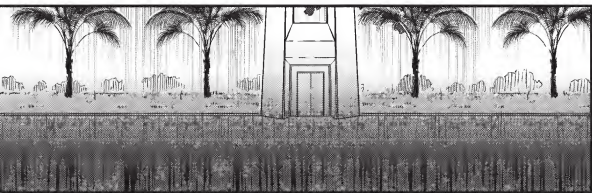
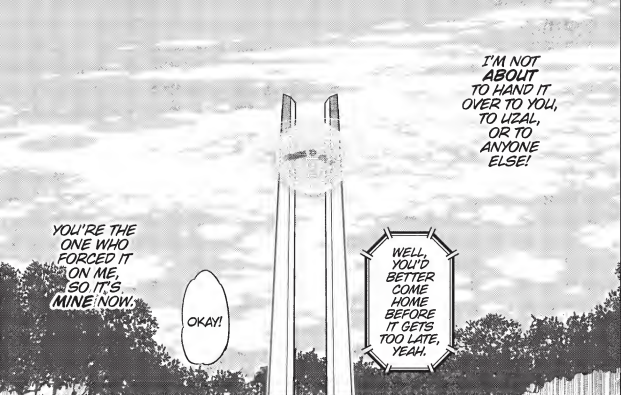


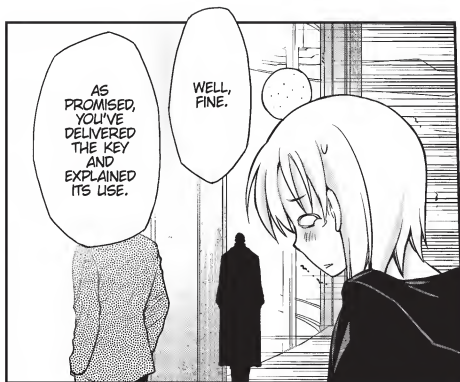
HEH
HEH
HEH...

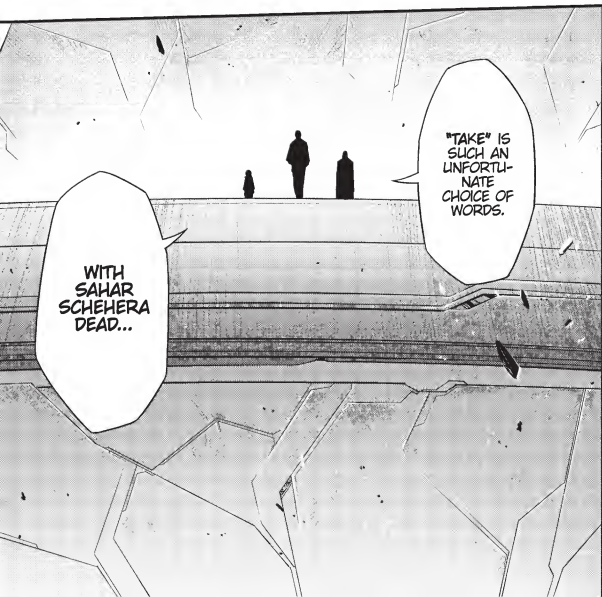


IT'S ALL
CONNECTED,
YEAH!





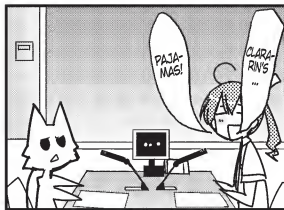




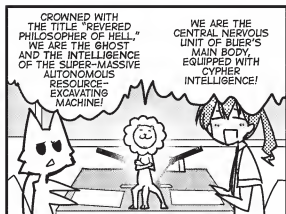
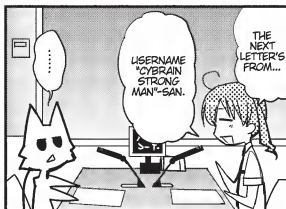


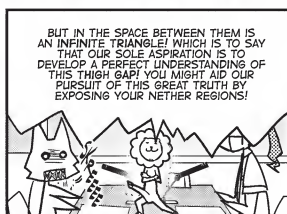
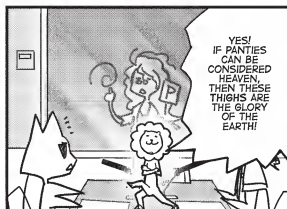
**BUER
BELONGS
TO ME.**

...TO BE CONTINUED









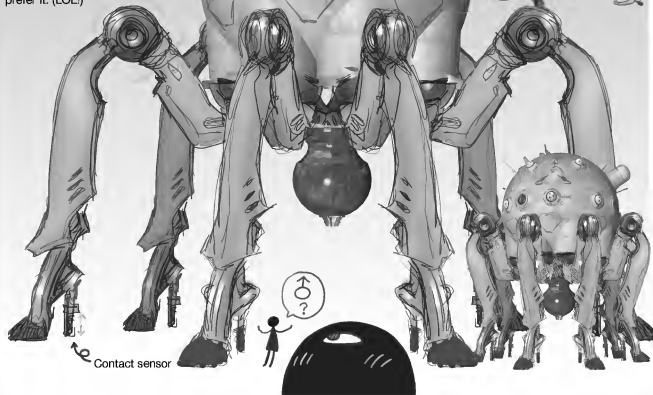
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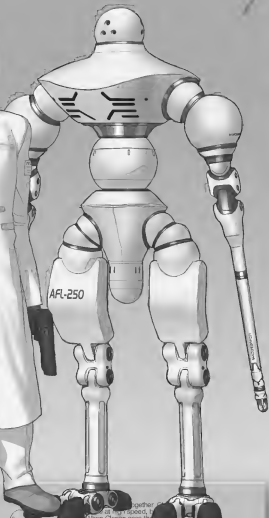
Buer Rough Concept

Concept for a radioactive machine. In manga, it's convey to the reader what happens in the story w/ unit sticking out. Now it just it inside its torso. But could've used these cooling vents to help itself... able to leave it fully open afterall?!

ORIGINAL CONCEPT DESIGN NOTES

I created the rough version of Buer after being instructed to make a slightly more serious iteration of the machine. I did go through the motions of designing it, but it would be a hassle to draw that in the manga, and it just looks so...normal. It's boring. Rikudo-shi's Buer is more expressive in all ways. I definitely prefer it. (LOL!)





our... used in the anime
the... documentation with the
ing... chapter lead
rog... enough in an related personna
behind... disaster strikes or
three... the very least, Glanor
can't f... exist, so Iyerson

...ones pursuing
(who's running a
every which way
who uses a weapon
like a Japanese
katana that can cut
through her metal
structure). Although
Nene cover fire hits
(the protagonist)
she manages
to escape with
geritsecorner
fecting her
The blue girl
the back of
geritsecorner
but there's a
control
hatch there
on the side
takes elec
"How long
don't think



The story, watch woman so please portray her as cool and beautiful)

Make the... it's two small... guns beautiful and true... the accurate... desired... recover Nene, but Nene's be... that... point is so... choose... of course, the gunman can't de... Glen's enhanced... aid out... with guns like those, but there's... for... sighting a target that way. Bullets are constantly replenished with... and, are unlimited until he's defeated.

Greetings! (For the second time!)

Uzal's original name was (Doctor) Dindi Bekker Al Said--quite the mouthful! That same character also appeared in the rough draft of another work, *Ghost in the Shell: Arise*. (*laughs* But they each ended up looking very different, and the original design was put to bed.)

For this story, I had four names under consideration: Uzal Delilah, Sahar Al Jira, Kuhar Schehera, and Sahar Schehera. In my initial character notes, I wrote, "She's obsessed with control, so she surrounds herself with robots (and humans who've gotten through her defenses with the intention of betrayal). The concept was that she's an extremely wealthy person who makes her living in the water business, but also an evil scientist plotting world domination, which isn't the healthiest lifestyle choice. (Let's not get into exactly what "domination" would mean here.)

Anyway, that information was made public in the ads and book introductions when the story was going to be serialized, which may be why the actual text never comes out and mentions it (although it does heavily imply the truth about Uzal throughout).

Maybe Clarion's cat ears come from the picture of a cat on a villain's lap, which shows up in 007? Also, in the original rough notes, there was a version with a different plan involving Doctor Croxide, who always work black and worked in a high-speed cruising submarine. In that version, the doctor had a white cat-shaped robot named Clarion who was always in a bad mood.

This is all fairly typical for me: the initial plan, design, etc. turn into something more dynamic in response to orders from whoever's putting the money up (or in response to someone else on site, or the general flow of things). There are times when it all falls apart, and other times when--like now--the concept is magnificently brought to life by the manga artist. This time, we managed to incorporate the cyberpunk element of cyber panties, and I have enjoyed myself a great deal. My sincerest gratitude to Rikudo-shi and everyone else involved!

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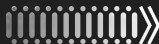
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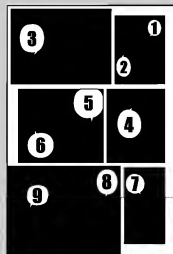
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